



Yosemite Essentials



Curry Village Parking

Yosemite Valley can be extremely busy, especially on weekends and holidays.

Arrive early in the morning or late in the afternoon to avoid long lines at park entrances.

Yosemite Valley parking can completely fill by late morning. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or use free Valley shuttles to get around (page 6.) If Yosemite Valley parking is full, explore other areas of the park and return later in the day.

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.

Sign up for Yosemite traffic alerts by texting **ynptraffi**c to 333111.

Stay safe from lightning.

Thunderstorms are common during the summer. Check the weather forecast before you hit the trail, and pay attention to conditions while hiking. Stay off granite domes and other high-elevation, exposed places during storms, when there is a high risk of lightning strikes. Take shelter in a building or vehicle when possible.

Wildfires inside or outside Yosemite can impact air quality.

Smoke may affect visibility and can pose a health concern, especially for sensitive individuals. Check air quality and smoke forecasts at fire.airnow.gov.

Fires are only allowed in portable stoves, barbecue grills, and established fire rings. Never leave a fire unattended; extinguish the fire completely before you leave it. *Additional fire restrictions may go into effect, depending on conditions.*

Waterfalls peak during spring snowmelt and dry up in summer.

Bridalveil Fall, Vernal Fall, and Nevada Fall typically flow year-round but are low by late summer. Many other waterfalls, including Yosemite Falls, can dry up completely.

Keep Bears Wild. Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law

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.

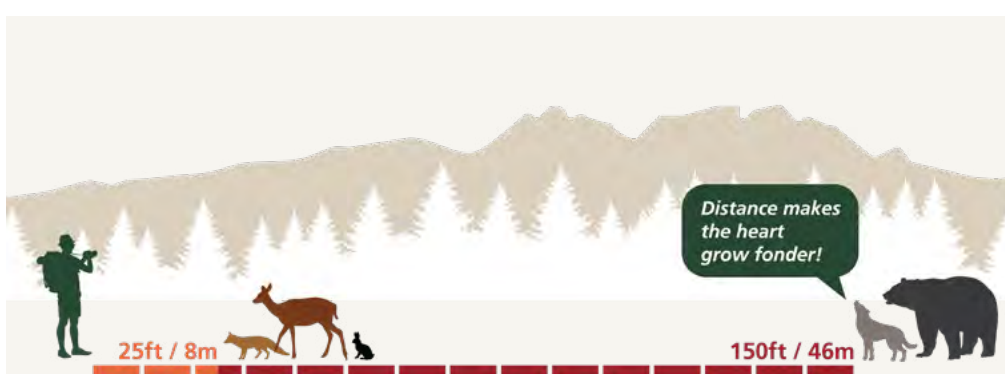
🌙 At Night

✓ **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 or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322. To learn more about food storage and bears, visit [KeepBearsWild.org](https://www.nps.gov/keepbearswild.org).




DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 150 feet = about four bus-lengths.

It's illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite, including birds, squirrels, and deer.

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is unhealthy for wild animals.

Stay at least 150 ft (46 m) from bears and coyotes.

Stay at least 25 ft (8 m) from other wildlife.

Park Map



Yosemite Falls & Cook's Meadow

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Turn to pg 10 for a map of the Valley.

Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome.

GETTING HERE

Drive 40 minutes from the Big Oak Flat Entrance (120W), 20 minutes from the Arch Rock Entrance (140), 1 hour from the South Entrance (41), or 1.5 hrs from Tioga Pass Entrance (120E).

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Parking is available in three main hubs: Curry Village, Yosemite Village, & Yosemite Falls. Many Valley destinations do not have parking: walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle (pg 7.)

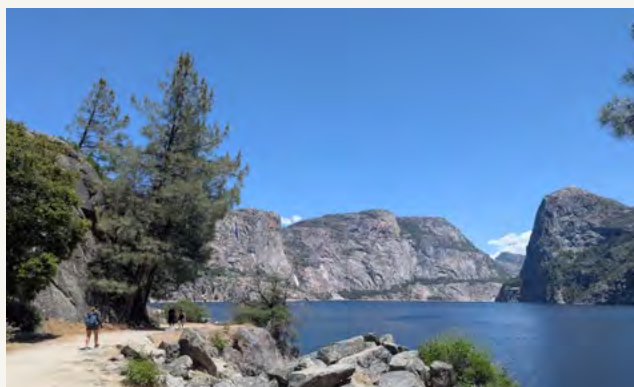
VISITOR SERVICES

-  **Welcome Center** | 9 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp. Use shuttle stop 2 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** | 9 am – 5 pm. Exhibits, park film, & gifts. Film shown on hour & half-hour, 9:30 am – 4 pm. Use shuttle stop 5 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Yosemite Museum** | 10 am – 5 pm
Exhibits, cultural demonstrations, & gifts. Use shuttle stop 5 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** | 9 am – 4 pm. Exhibits and drop-in art activities for kids (10 am – 3 pm.) Use shuttle stop 16 or Curry Village Parking.

Turn to pg 5 for dining, shopping, recreation, and other services.

THINGS TO DO

- Explore by car** | Enjoy the views as you loop through Yosemite Valley, with scenic stops at Tunnel View, Bridalveil Fall, and El Capitan.
- Take a scenic walk** | Take a short stroll around Cook's Meadow for excellent views of Half Dome and other Valley features. *Map on pg 10.*
- Hit the Trail** | For a more challenging adventure, hike to Vernal and Nevada Falls on the Mist Trail, or spend an entire day hiking the Four Mile Trail or Yosemite Falls Trail. *Map on pg 10.*
- Pedal Yosemite Valley** | Rent a bike or bring your own. Yosemite Valley has over 11 miles of paved, scenic bike paths to explore! *Pg 6.*
- Check out exhibits** | Feed your curiosity at the Exploration Center, Yosemite Museum, and Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (hours at left.)
- Make time for a walk, talk, or art class!** Learn more about Yosemite or connect with your creative side through art and photography. *Turn to pg 8.*



Trail toward Wapama Falls

HETCH HETCHY

Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. Hetch Hetchy can be very hot in summer, with very little shade along the reservoir.

Open sunrise to sunset only. There are no services in this remote area of the park. Swimming and boating are not permitted in the reservoir. Pets are not allowed on the dam or on any trails.

GETTING HERE

Located 38 mi/61 km/1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Take Big Oak Flat Road to the Big Oak Flat Entrance. Just after exiting the park, turn right on Evergreen Road. Follow signs to Hetch Hetchy entrance. Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on Hetch Hetchy Rd.



Walk-through tunnel tree (Tuolumne Grove)

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

-  **Big Oak Flat Information Station** | 8 am – 5 pm. Bookstore opens at 9 am. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.

Turn to page 5 for gas & store hours.

THINGS TO DO

- Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias**
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**
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.



Tioga Road & Tenaya Lake

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

The trip across 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 almost 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. It is the jumping off place for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop by the visitor center for local information, including trail conditions, hikes, and daily ranger programs. There is little or no cell service along the road, so be prepared before you go.

GETTING HERE

Located 55 mi/89 km/1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Take Big Oak Flat Rd to Crane Flat, then turn onto Tioga Road. Drive 39 miles to Tuolumne Meadows.

VISITOR SERVICES

-  **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** | 9 am – 5 pm. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp.

This is a very remote area of the park with limited services and little to no cell coverage. Turn to page 5 for services.



Half Dome & the Yosemite high country

GLACIER POINT

Visit an iconic overlook on the rim of Yosemite Valley, 3,200 feet above the Valley floor.

GETTING HERE 1 hour from Yosemite Valley. Drive south on Wawona Road for 9 mi/14 km. Turn left onto Glacier Point Road and continue for 16 mi/26 km. Trailers and vehicles over 30 ft not permitted past Sentinel Dome trailhead.

VISITOR SERVICES Gift shop—turn to page 5 for hours.

THINGS TO DO

- Glacier Point Overlook** | Enjoy spectacular views of the Valley floor, 3,200 ft below, as well as Half Dome and the high Sierra. Paved, wheelchair-accessible path.
- Sentinel Dome & Taft Point** | Starting from the trailhead on Glacier Point Rd, hike 2.4 mi/3.9 km (roundtrip) west to Taft Point, a scenic overlook along the Valley rim. From the same trailhead, hike 1.8 mi/3 km (roundtrip) northeast to Sentinel Dome.



The Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove)

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** | 8 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.
-  **Mariposa Grove Depot** | 9 am – 5 pm
Gifts, information, passport stamp, Jr Ranger booklets.

For gas station, grocery & gifts, turn to pg 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 many miles of scenic trails. Free shuttles from the parking area to the grove operate from 8 am to 7 pm (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles depart about every 15 minutes—no ticket needed!

Become a Yosemite Jr. Ranger!



Pick up a free **Junior Ranger Handbook** at any open information center.

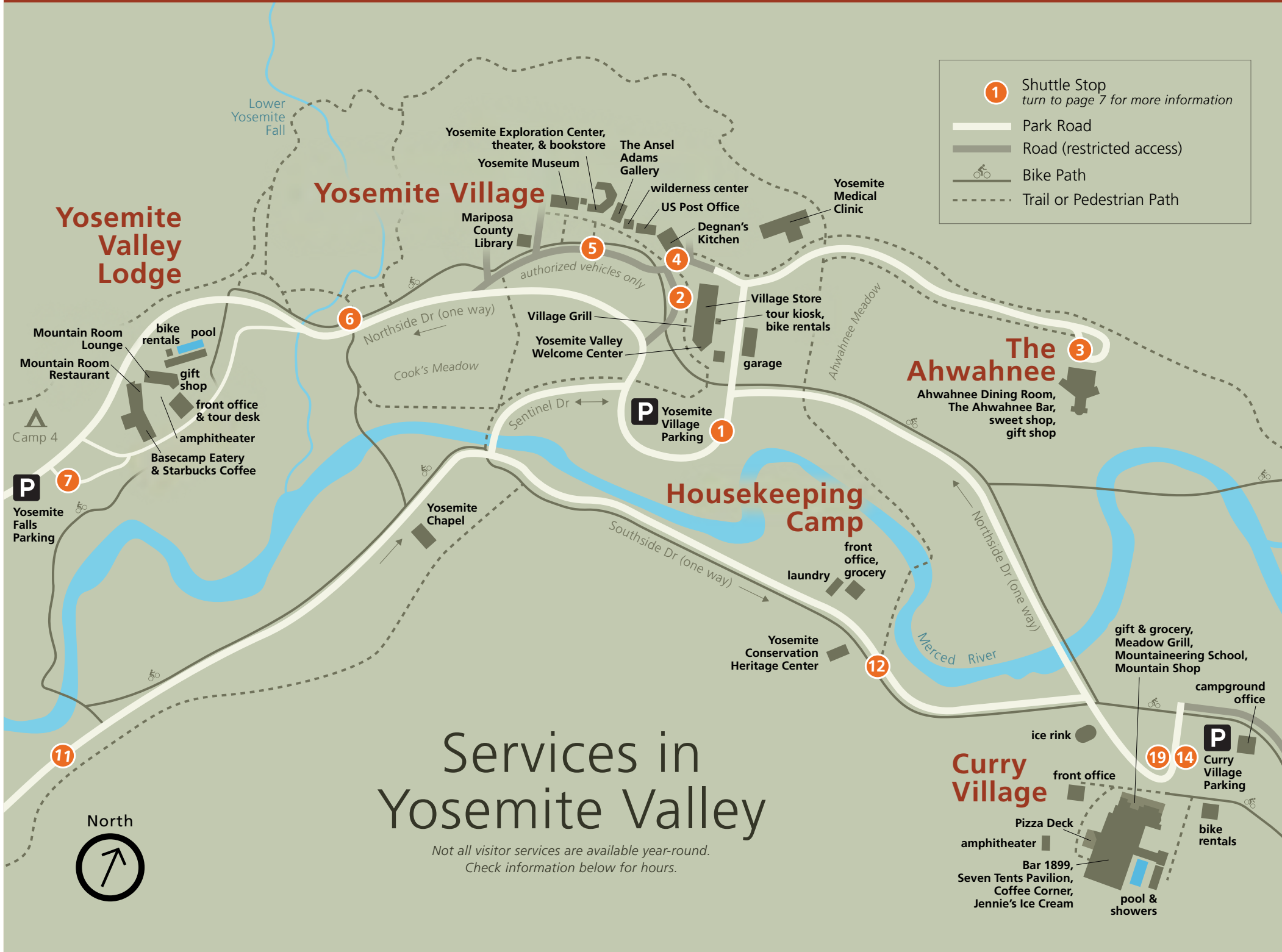
Complete the activities while you explore the park, then turn in your book to receive a badge!





Services

Hours and seasonal operating dates are subject to change.



visitor information

food & beverage

groceries & supplies

gas station

exhibits

coffee bar

gifts

medical services
in an emergency, call or text 911

FREE WIFI

Yosemite Valley: Degnan's Kitchen, Mariposa County Library.
Wifi available for registered hotel guests at Yosemite Valley Lodge/Curry Village/The Ahwahnee.

El Portal: El Portal Market

Wawona: Mariposa County Library

CAMPING

A reservation is required for ALL campgrounds. Check availability at Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777.

Sleeping in a vehicle is ONLY allowed at a registered campsite; sleeping on the side of the road or in parking areas is prohibited. For backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

LODGING

Visit 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.

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church (Yosemite Chapel) Sunday Service: 9:15 am. Additional service at 11 am through Labor Day weekend only. Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Yosemite Chapel) Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

SERVICES IN OTHER AREAS

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Wawona Visitor Center & Bookstore 8 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.

Yosemite History Center open daily

Mariposa Grove Depot 9 am – 5 pm
Gifts, information, passport stamp, Jr Ranger booklets.

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
hotel closed for renovation

Wawona Store 8 am – 8 pm

Golf Course 8 am – 6 pm
Visit the Wawona Store for information & booking.

Stable (closes Sep 6)
2-hour rides at 8 am, 11 am, 3 pm (Fri – Wed)
All-day ride at 8 am (Thurs only)
Pony Rides 10:30 am – 3 pm

US Post Office Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm
Sat: 9 am – 12 pm

Wawona Gas Station staffed 8 am – 5 pm
Propane available when staffed. Gas & diesel.
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

SERVICES IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

For restaurant menus, hotel availability, and more, visit TravelYosemite.com.

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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Welcome Center 9 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp.

Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore 9 am – 5 pm. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts. The Spirit of Yosemite (23 min) runs on the hour/half-hour 9:30 am – 4 pm.

Yosemite Museum 10 am – 5 pm
Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts. May close for lunch.

Wilderness Center 8 am – 5 pm
Wilderness permit pickup.

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9 am – 5 pm
Art, books, & gifts. Exhibitions & classes on pg 8 & 9.

Degnan's Kitchen 7 am – 6 pm
Limited service 11 – 11:30 am. Specialty coffee (Peet's), breakfast & deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor seating & WiFi.

Village Grill 11 am – 6 pm
Burgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, & soft serve ice cream. Outdoor seating.

Village Store 8 am – 10 pm (closes 9 pm starting Sep 7.) General store with park's largest selection of gifts & groceries.

Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk Until Sep 7: 8 am – 7 pm. Starting Sep 8: 9 am – 6 pm.
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. 24-hour roadside assistance: 209/372-1060. 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.

THE AHWAHNEE 3

The Ahwahnee Bar 11:30 am – 11 pm
Upscale casual bar with craft cocktails, wine, appetizers, and lighter entrees.

Dining Room breakfast 7 am – 10 am
lunch 11:30 am – 3 pm
dinner 5:30 pm – 9 pm
Sunday brunch 7 am – 3 pm

Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.

Gift Shop 8 am – 9 pm

Sweet Shop 7 am – 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE 14 19

Coffee Corner 6 am – 2 pm
Specialty coffee (Peet's) & light breakfast.

Bar 1899 11:30 am – 10 pm
Craft beer, cocktails, & light entrees. Indoor/outdoor seating.

Seven Tents Pavilion
breakfast 7 am – 10 am
dinner 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Hearty homestyle meals. Indoor seating.

Pizza Deck 11 am – 10 pm
Pizza (whole or by-the-slice), salads, & garlic bread. Outdoor seating.

Meadow Grill Taqueria 11 am – 8 pm (closes 5 pm starting Sep 7.) Fast-casual tacos & burritos. Outdoor seating.

Jennie's Ice Cream (closes Sep 6)
11 am – 8:30 pm

Gift & Grocery 8 am – 10 pm (closes 9 pm starting Sep 7.) Gifts & grocery essentials.

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

Mountaineering School 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm. Guided hikes & rock climbing classes. Call 209/372-8344.

Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk Until Sep 7: 8 am – 7 pm. Starting Sep 8: 9 am – 6 pm.

Raft Rentals Closed for the season.

Pool (closes Sep 7) 11 am – 6 pm

Showers 24 hours

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7

Base Camp Eatery
breakfast 6:30 am – 10:30 am
lunch & dinner 11 am – 9 pm
Fast casual breakfast, burgers, chicken, pasta, & more. Large indoor seating area.

Starbucks Coffee 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
Specialty coffee, snacks, & light breakfast.

Mountain Room Lounge
Mon to Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm (opens 5 pm starting Sep 13); Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm
Beer, cocktails, & light entrees.

Mountain Room Restaurant
5 pm – 10 pm
Final seating 30 min before closing. Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.

Gift Shop 8 am – 10 pm (closes 9 pm starting Sep 7.) Gifts, snacks, & drinks.

Bike Rentals Until Sep 7: 8 am – 7 pm. Starting Sep 8: 9 am – 6 pm.
ADA bicycles, scooters, & wheelchairs: call 209/372-1208

Front Desk & Tour Tickets 24 hrs

Pool (closes Sep 7) 11 am – 6 pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP 12

Store 8 am – 8 pm

Laundry 8 am – 10 pm

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
10 am – 4 pm, closed Mon & Tues.
Exhibits & information.

HAPPY ISLES 16

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center
9 am – 4 pm. Classes & free activities on pg 9.

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)

Charging stations in Tuolumne Meadows are temporarily unavailable.

Gas Stations

Gas is NOT available 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 pg 5.*

Biking in Yosemite

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 must remain on pavement and are NOT allowed on hiking trails.** Speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph. Helmets 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 Bicycles are available for full-day and half-day rentals (turn to pg 5 for hours and locations.) Standard adult & children's bikes are first-come, first-served. Bikes with trailers are available at Yosemite Valley Lodge and Curry Village. ADA bicycles are available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.

Yosemite Bike Share Bikes are available for 1–2 hour rides from Yosemite Village and Camp 4 parking areas: 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. For bus schedules and tickets, visit 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)

Free shuttles from the parking area to the grove operate from 8 am to 7 pm (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles depart about every 15 minutes—no ticket needed!

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Until Sep 13. Hiker dropoff and pickup at trailheads between Yosemite Valley & Tuolumne Meadows. One run per day. Book at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

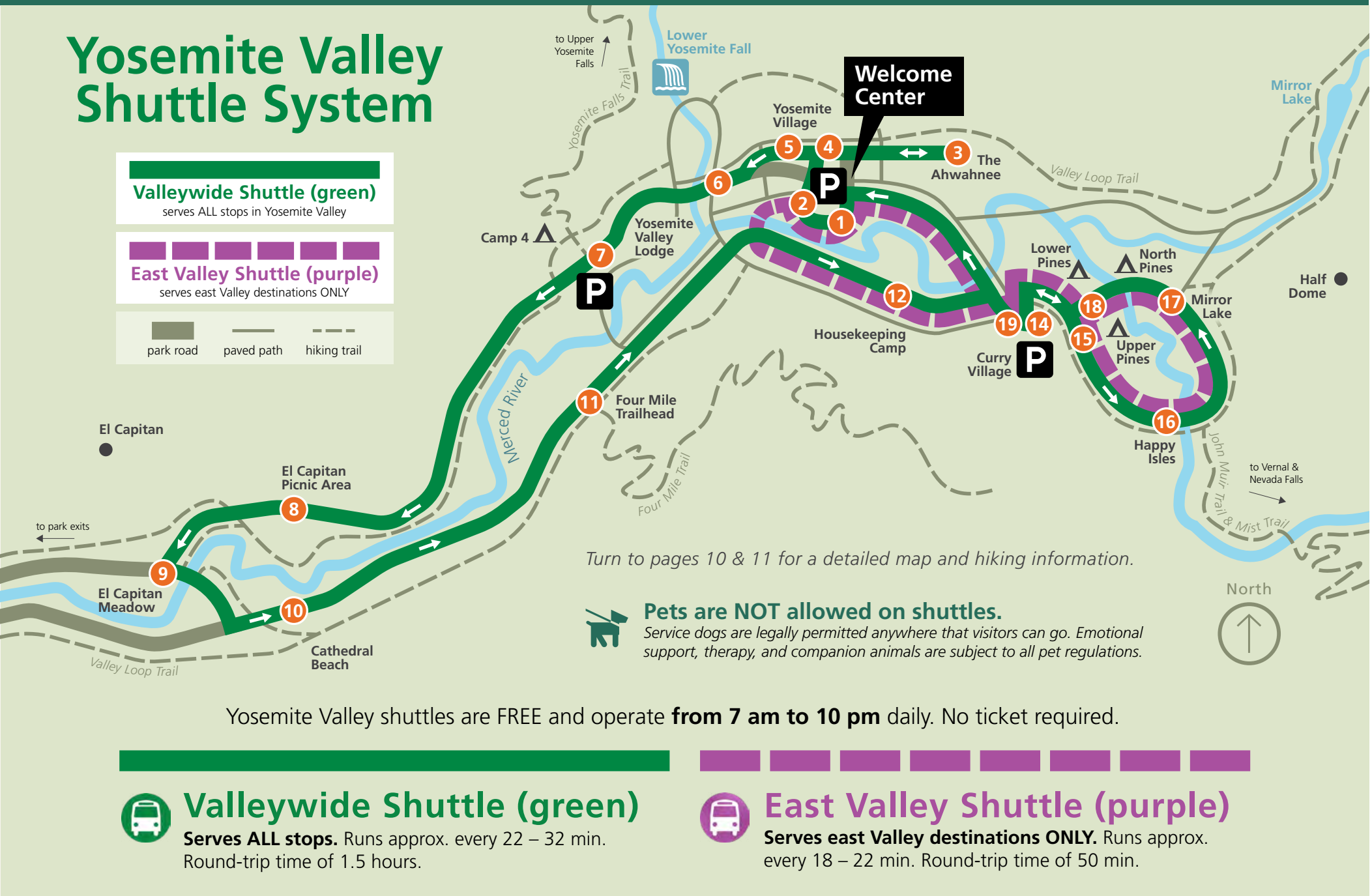
Glacier Point Tour Bus & Hiker Dropoff (\$)

4-hour tour departing from Yosemite Valley Lodge. One-way tickets available for hikers (drop-off ONLY—no hiker pickup at Glacier Point.) Book at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

Tuolumne Meadows Area Shuttle (free)

Until Sep 13. Service between Tuolumne Meadows and Olmsted Point between 8 am and 4 pm. Check the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for a map of the shuttle route.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



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

Additional programs may be offered: visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar to view the online calendar, or check listings at information centers. *Program schedule is subject to change.*



Junior Ranger Program
Programs especially for kids! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.



Recommended for Families
Programs for all ages (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.



Evening Program
Stargazing, campfires, & more.



NPS
National Park Service



YC
Yosemite Conservancy



YH
Yosemite Hospitality



TAAG
The Ansel Adams Gallery



YCHC
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)

Yosemite Valley: Walks, Talks, & Hikes

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, sunset (2 hrs) daily	Valley Floor Tour Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley with a naturalist or park ranger on a bus or open-air tram. Find more information and purchase tickets: visit TravelYosemite.com , call 888/413-8869, or stop by the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. Departs from the Yosemite Valley Lodge.	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
8:30 am, 1:30 pm (4–8 hrs) days vary*	Guided Hikes with Yosemite Mountaineering School (*starts Sep 4) Ages 12 & up. Visit TravelYosemite.com or stop by the Mountaineering School at Curry Village (209/372-8344) to register for a hike with an expert guide. 4-hour Discovery Hikes on M, W, Sa (8:30 am to Vernal Fall Footbridge, 1:30 pm to Mirror Lake Loop.) 8-hour Adventure Hikes (8:30 am: Nevada Fall on Tu & F, El Capitan Loop Su & Th.) Guided backpacking and rock climbing classes are also available.	YH	\$ register at TravelYosemite.com
9 – 11 am Su*	Climber Coffee (*starts Sep 13) Meet with NPS climbers rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet at Camp 4 (near the Midnight Lightning boulder.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
9 am (1 hr) daily	Ranger Walk Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) daily	Jr. Ranger Walk Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (near shuttle stop 2) for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	NPS	free, drop-in only
10:30 am (1 hr) Tu, W, Th, Sa	Ranger Walk: Discovery Walk 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
12:30 – 4:30 pm daily*	Ask-a-Climber (*starts Sep 6) Stop by to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. West side of El Capitan bridge (use shuttle stop 9.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
1 pm (1 hr) daily	Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
2 pm (15 min) daily	Family Ranger Talk Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
2 pm (1 hr) daily	Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn (use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free, drop-in only
3 pm – 4 pm Su, W, F	Jr. Ranger Discovery Table Drop in anytime to talk with a ranger and start or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located at the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
3:30 pm (1 hr) daily	Guided Nature Walk Join a naturalist for an easy guided walk of Yosemite's natural areas. Meet at The Ahwahnee Hotel on the back lawn (use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free, drop-in only
5:30 pm (1.5 hrs) daily	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Experience the magic of Yosemite while the setting sun lights up your favorite granite features. On this casual walk, our naturalists will share with you the natural and cultural history of the park. Register in advance at yosemite.org/adventures .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org
6 pm (30 min) nightly*	Wee Wild Ones (*until Sep 13) Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free, drop-in only
8 pm (30 min) Su, M, Tu, W, Th	Evening Programs Yosemite Naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free, drop-in only
8 pm (1 hr) F, Sa	Evening Program: Movie Night! Yosemite Naturalists briefly present a Yosemite topic with a short movie played afterwards. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.) Fridays: Natural and Cultural Change in Yosemite, Saturdays: Yosemite's Firefall.	YH	free, drop-in only
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) nightly	Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night! Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. <i>Recommended for kids 11 & up.</i>	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
9 pm (1.5 hrs) nightly	Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided stargazing experience under Yosemite's night sky. Learn about star science, constellations, cultural stories, and mythology. Your naturalist will use a laser pointer to highlight celestial objects—no telescopes are used. Register in advance at Yosemite.org .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org

Yosemite Valley: Photography Walks

Hosted by The Ansel Adams Gallery. Register at AnselAdams.com/photography-education

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk (free) Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley. Limited space; registration required.
9 am (3 hrs) W	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography (\$) Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.
1 pm (3 hrs) Sa	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography (\$) Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.
1 pm (4 hrs) M & Th	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams (\$) Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.
1 pm (4 hrs) Tu	Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera (\$) Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.

Yosemite Valley: Special Programs

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
Aug 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & Sep 22 9 pm (2 hrs)	Moonlight Tour (YH, \$) Join a Yosemite Hospitality naturalist on a 2 hour tram tour around Yosemite Valley under the light of the moon! Purchase tickets at TravelYosemite.com or an in-park tour desk.

Stargazing at Glacier Point

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 pm (1 hr) some dates*	Glacier Point Starry Skies (YH) Join a Yosemite Naturalist for an unforgettable night of stargazing from iconic Glacier Point! Transportation to Glacier Point is NOT included. Tickets at TravelYosemite.com . *Aug 19 – 20, Sep 6 – 10, Sep 13 – 17 ONLY

Yosemite Valley: Art Classes

Classes are hosted by Yosemite Conservancy. Register at Yosemite.org/art

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 am (4 hrs) weekdays	Art Class (\$) Slow down and connect with nature in a new way. Beginners welcome! Meet at the Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (shuttle stop 16). Register in advance at yosemite.org/art .
10 am – 3 pm daily	Kids' Open Art Studio (free) Art activities for kids at the Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (shuttle stop 16.) Drop in anytime during studio hours!
2 pm (2 hrs) F*	Paint & Sip (\$, *until Aug 28) Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Beginners welcome! Meet at the Mountain Room Lounge (shuttle stops 6 & 7), register in advance at yosemite.org/art .

Evening Programs @ YCHC

Free evening programs hosted by the Sierra Club at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Very limited parking; use free Valley shuttles (stop 12.) *Visit the online calendar or check local listings for more information.*

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
Sep 11 7:30 pm (1 hr)	Poetry from Tahoe to Yosemite Presented by: Chris Olander, Poet Laureate & ecology bio-educator.
Sep 12 7:30 pm (1 hr)	Legacy of the Old Yosemite Village Presented by: Alice van Ommeren, Author of Yosemite's Historic Hotels and Camps
Sep 18 7:30 pm (1 hr)	Mystery Cat—Yosemite's Elusive Mountain Lion Presented by: Don Endicott, Interpretive Guide, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park
Sep 19 7:30 pm (1 hr)	Amazing World of Bats, Nature's Tiny Fighter Jets Presented by: Don Endicott, Interpretive Guide, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Programs in Tuolumne Meadows

All programs are hosted by **NPS**. Programs are free; no registration required.

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
7:30 am (3 hrs) W, Sa	Bird Walk with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lembert Dome Parking.
8 am – 10 am Tu & Th	Coffee with a Ranger Drop by the Dana Campfire Circle at Tuolumne Meadows Campground to chat with a ranger!
9 – 11 am Su*	Climber Coffee (*until Aug 30) Meet with NPS climbers rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Drop in at the Tuolumne Meadows Store. <i>Climber Coffee returns to Camp 4 in Yosemite Valley on Sep 13.</i>
10 am – 4 pm daily	Parsons Memorial Lodge at the Soda Springs Meet a ranger, learn the history of Yosemite's high country. Daily activities and open reading room.
10 am (2 hrs) Su & Tu	Botanical Walk with a park ranger naturalist. Take a walk in the high country and find out what plants are doing. Learn more than names. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Lembert Dome parking.
10 am (4 hrs) F	Tioga Pass Botanical Walk See what's in bloom at 10,000 feet above the sea! Meet at the Gaylor Lakes Trailhead ready for a moderate to strenuous hike.
10 am (2 hrs) M & Th	Domes and Meadows Meets at Parsons Lodge Parking. Moderate stroll.
10 am (2 hrs) W, Sa	Geology of Tuolumne Meadows Meet at Pothole Dome Trailhead. Moderate walk.
10 am (1.5 hrs) W & Sa	Jr. Ranger Program Topics vary. Meets at Lembert Dome Parking. Easy stroll.
12 pm (15 min) daily	Ranger Talk: Welcome to Tuolumne! Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.
1 pm (2 hrs) W	Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Walk Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.
2 pm (2 hrs) M	Forest Walk Meet at Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.
2 pm (2 hrs) Aug 21 & 28 ONLY	History of Tuolumne Meadows Meets at TM Visitor Center parking lot. Easy stroll.
2 pm (2 hrs) Th	Wildlife of the High Sierra Meet at TM Visitor Center. Easy walk.
3 pm (15 min) Daily	Ranger Talk: Welcome to Tuolumne! Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.
7:30 pm (1 hr) Nightly	Campfire Program Meet at the Dana Campfire Circle at Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Different topics each night.
7:30 pm (1 hr) M, W, Sa*	Campfireside Chat with a Ranger Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. *only when the Lodge is open
9 pm (1 hr) M, W, Sa	Stars Over Tuolumne Meet at Lembert Dome parking. Bring a pad to sit on, a flashlight, and dress warmly.

Programs in Wawona & The Mariposa Grove

All programs are hosted by **NPS**. Programs are free; no registration required.

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 am (1 hr) Su & W*	Coffee with a Ranger Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with one of our rangers. Drop ins welcome! *no program Aug 19
9:30 am (1.5 hrs) daily*	Nature Walk—Mariposa Grove Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. Allow time to park and ride the free shuttle to the Mariposa Grove before the program starts. *no program Aug 19
1:30 pm (45 min) daily*	Jr. Ranger Talk—Mariposa Grove Allow time to park and ride the free shuttle to the Mariposa Grove before the program starts. <i>Recommended for kids 4 & up.</i> *no program Aug 19. On Aug 22 ONLY, meet in the Grove parking area for a special Junior Ranger Day program!
5 pm (45 min) Su & W*	Bear Talk Join Ranger Jill at The Redwoods Fireside Deck to learn about Yosemite Bears and how to be Bear(y) Aware on the road, at your cabin, on the trail, and in the wild! This program is complimentary, kid & pet friendly, open to the public, and snacks and soft drinks are provided. *no program Aug 19
7 pm (1 hr) nightly*	Campfire Program Meet at Wawona Campground amphitheater. Topics vary. *no program Aug 19

Programs Near Crane Flat

All programs are hosted by **NPS**. Registration required for Stars Over Crane Flat; all other programs are drop-in only.

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
11 am (1 hr) M, W, Th	Giant Sequoia Hike Meet in Tuolumne Grove. Allow time to hike 1 mile from the trailhead to reach the grove before the program. Total hike is 2.5 miles roundtrip with 500 feet of elevation change. Bring water.
2 pm – 3:30 pm daily	Jr. Ranger Discovery Table Drop in anytime to talk with a ranger and start or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located at the Tuolumne Grove Trailhead.
6:30 pm (1 hr) Su, W, Th, F, Sa*	Evening Program Topics vary. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. *no program Aug 22 or 23
8 pm (1.5 hrs) some dates*	Stars Over Crane Flat Join a ranger for a night of stargazing. No pets, RVs, or trailers. Visit the Big Oak Flat Information Station to register. *Sep 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12 ONLY



Junior Ranger Day August 22

Drop in for special programs throughout the park! Stop by an information center to learn more.



Yosemite Art Trail August 24 – 30

Look for art themed drop-in programs throughout the park and create your own Yosemite-inspired piece with hands-on activities. Stop by an information center to learn more.

More Activities with Park Partners

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Yosemite.org

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

Locations Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater, Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, & multiple retail locations. *Hours on pg 5.*

Outdoor Adventures Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips: Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures

Custom Adventures Plan a Custom Adventure with a naturalist: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

Stewardship Series Tuolumne Meadows Overview (August 21, 2 – 4 pm.) *Registration required at Yosemite.org. Free for YC donors.*

Art Classes Register at Yosemite.org/art

- Aug 17–21 | Watercolor Nature Journaling with Sylvia Eneriz
- Aug 24–28 | Watercolor with Jessica de Jesus
- Aug 31–Sep 4 | Pastels with Miranda Craft
- Sep 7–11 | Printmaking with Leah Petersen
- Sep 14–18 | Watercolor with Steve Curl

YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

TravelYosemite.com

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

Learn to Rock Climb or Join a Guided Hike—

Yosemite Mountaineering School

Expertly-guided dayhikes, backpacking, and rock climbing: join a scheduled hike or class, or book your own custom guided experience. Stop by the Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village (open 8:30 am – noon, 1 pm – 4:30 pm), visit TravelYosemite.com, or call 209/372-8344 for information.

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

AnselAdams.com/photography-education
209/372-4413

Location The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village, open from 9 am – 5 pm daily. Experience a variety of fine arts, handicrafts, 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

- *Trails and Trees: Woodblocks and Prints by Tom Killion* August 8 – September 26

SIERRA CLUB

SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center
209/372-4542

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. Open 10 am – 4 pm (closed Mon & Tues.)

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.



Valley Trails

Backpacking Yosemite

A wilderness permit is required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](https://www.nps.gov/WildPermits) for information.

Come prepared with your own allowed bear canister—or rent one when you pick up your permit.

Wilderness Centers & Permit Pickup

- Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center | 8 am – 5 pm
- Wawona Visitor Center | 8 am – 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station | 8 am – 5 pm
Nearest pickup for Hetch Hetchy permits.
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center | 8 am – 5 pm
- Big Wall Climbing Permits (for overnight climbs)
Self-register at kiosk near shuttle stop 9.

Half Dome Permits

A permit is required 7 days a week when the cables are up (approx. late May to early October.) Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries.

Enter the daily permit lottery two days in advance of the day you want to hike Half Dome (for example, to hike on Saturday, enter the lottery on Thursday.) Apply between midnight and 4 pm PDT on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Lottery winners are notified that evening.

Half Dome is an extremely challenging 14–16 mile hike with 4,800 ft of elevation gain. Hikers must be well-prepared and in good physical condition. Learn more about what to expect at [go.nps.gov/HalfDome](https://www.nps.gov/HalfDome)

Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. *Hours & locations on pages 2 & 3.*



Before You Go

Pets and bikes are NOT allowed on hiking trails.

Choose the right trail for your group's ability and experience level. Make sure you have enough time to finish the hike before dark.

Ask a ranger about trail conditions. Snow, ice, flooding, rockfall, hazardous stream crossings, and trail closures are possible.

Check the weather forecast for rain, snow, and thunderstorms. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of lightning.

Remember to pack water (minimum 1 qt/L—per person—for every 2 hours on the trail), salty snacks (for hydration), a headlamp, a map, sturdy footwear, and warm and waterproof clothing layers.

On the Trail

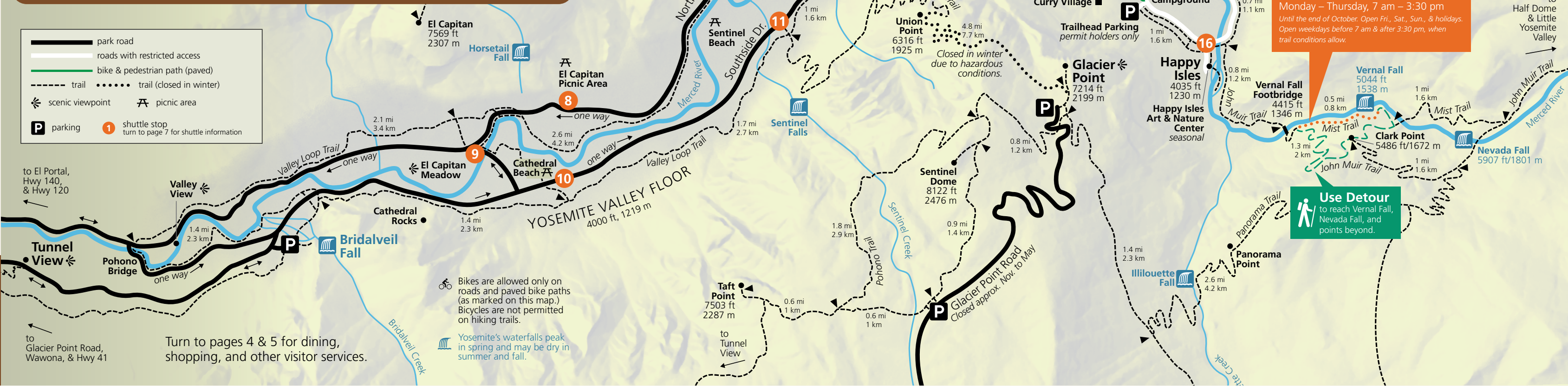
Stay on the trail to protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost.

Pack out all trash, including nut shells, fruit peels, and toilet paper. Human waste must be deposited at least 100 ft (30 m) from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep.

Leave behind what you find. It's illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park. Take a photo instead!

It's dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach at all times. Stay 50 yds/m away from bears and 25 ft (8 m) from other wildlife.

Adjust plans as needed. Make sure everyone in the group is staying hydrated and taking breaks. When half your water is gone or when conditions change, it's time to turn around.



TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>Scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	round-trip	
BRIDALVEIL FALL 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>	distance: 0.5 mi, 0.8 km paved with gentle incline	Bridalveil Fall parking area or Southside Drive
LOWER YOSEMITE FALL (dry in summer & fall) A short but rewarding trail to the base of Yosemite Falls. The east side of the loop is wheelchair-accessible. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	distance: 1 mi, 1.6 km paved with gentle incline	Shuttle Stop 6
COOK'S MEADOW LOOP Take a relaxing stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and the Merced River. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk.	distance: 1 mi, 1.6 km flat pavement/boardwalk	Shuttle Stop 6
MIRROR LAKE (dry in summer & fall) Walk the paved road from shuttle stop 17 to the small lake. Views of Half Dome and reflections on the water's surface in spring. Continue on the unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5 mi (7 km) loop around the lake. <i>*Pets are allowed only on the paved road.</i> <i>& Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.</i>	distance: 2 mi, 3.2 km elev. gain: 100 ft, 30 m	Shuttle Stop 17
Choose Your Own Adventure	round-trip	
YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL <i>Pets and bicycles NOT allowed.</i> Enjoy a scenic loop around the Valley floor on this quiet, less-traveled trail. Hike a short section, or spend a day exploring the entire trail. Use the map above to plan your hike. <i>Sections of trail may be flooded or muddy in spring.</i>	distance: up to 11.5 mi, 18.5 km. Mostly flat, some gentle incline. Uneven terrain.	Most shuttle stops; refer to map

TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal Fall & Nevada Fall <i>Several routes are possible through this corridor. All routes start and end at Happy Isles (shuttle stop 16.)</i>	round-trip (to & from Happy Isles)	
SHORTEST: Vernal Fall Footbridge (1–1.5 hrs) Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail (JMT) for views of Vernal Fall from the footbridge. Return the same way.	distance: 1.6 mi, 2.6 km elev. gain: 380 ft, 115 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGER: Top of Vernal Fall (2–4 hrs) Past the footbridge, climb the steep steps of the Mist Trail to the top of Vernal Fall. Expect heavy spray and slippery stairs in spring. Return the same way OR continue to Clark Point for views of Nevada Fall and a dry descent along the JMT. <i>Trail repairs may affect route; check map above.</i>		
Out-and-back on Mist Trail	distance: 2.4 mi, 3.8 km elev. gain: 1000 ft, 300 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Loop via Clark Point & John Muir Trail	distance: 3.7 mi, 6 km elev. gain: 1500 ft, 450 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGEST: Top of Nevada Fall (4–6 hrs) From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way.		
Out-and-back on Mist Trail	distance: 5 mi, 8 km elev. gain: 2000 ft, 600 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Loop via Clark Point & John Muir Trail	distance: 5.8 mi, 9.3 km elev. gain: 2000 ft, 600 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Most Challenging Hikes <i>These all-day hikes include very steep trails and stunning views of Yosemite Valley. Pack sun protection, salty snacks, and at least 3 quarts or liters of water per person.</i>	round-trip	
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL (6–8 hrs) Very steep, rugged trail with dozens of switchbacks. Hike the first mile to Columbia Rock for stunning valley views. Continue to the top of Yosemite Falls; return the same way.	distance: 7.2 mi, 11.6 km elev. gain: 2,700 ft, 820 m	Camp 4 & Shuttle Stop 7
FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT (6–8 hrs) Very steep trail with spectacular Valley views. Hiker transportation from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point may be available via the Glacier Point Tour Bus (drop-offs ONLY, no pickup at Glacier Point): visit TravelYosemite.com for tickets.	distance: 9.6 mi, 15.4 km elev. gain: 3,200 ft, 975 m	Shuttle Stop 11

- wheelchair-accessible path or boardwalk.
- leashed pets welcome
pets are also allowed on paved bike paths, shown on the map in solid green.
- pets NOT allowed

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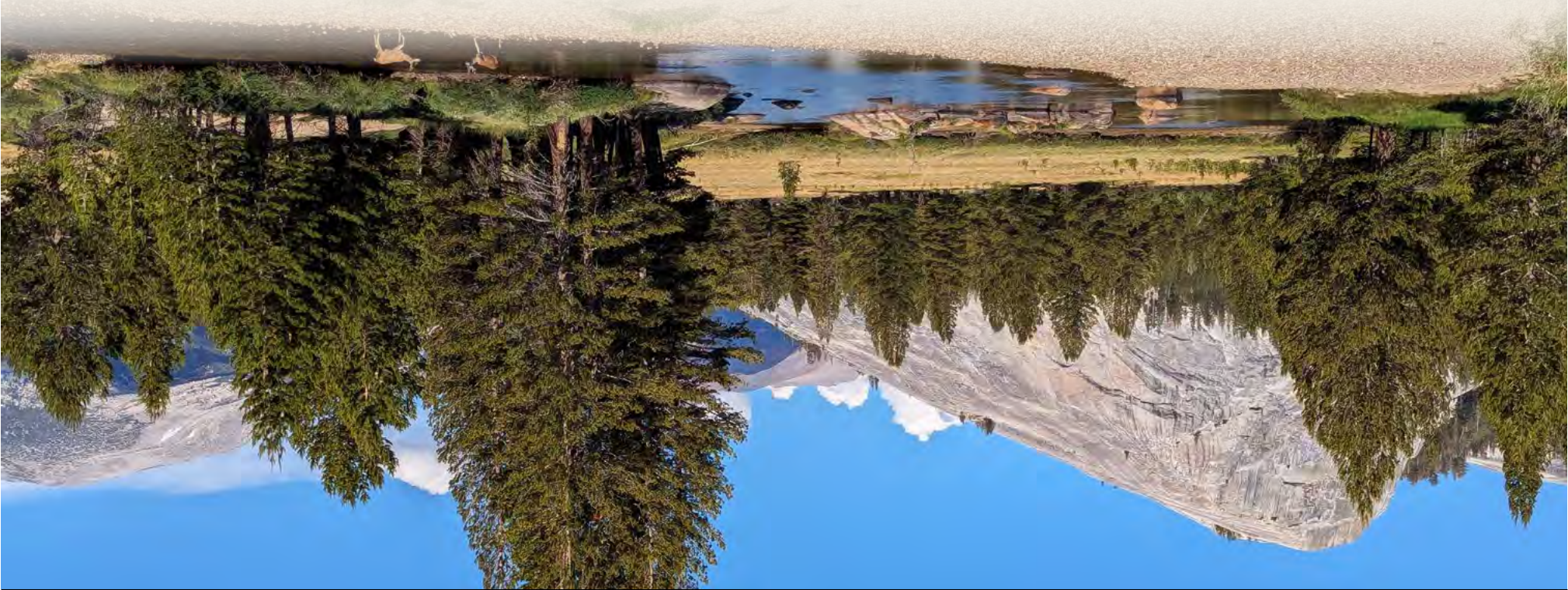
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Keep this Guide with you while you explore the park! Here's what's inside:

Lembert Dome in Tuolumne Meadows



Yosemite Guide

27 bears
were hit by vehicles
in Yosemite last year.



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.*

Park Regulations

The National Park Service is dedicated to protecting Yosemite for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Regulations are in place to protect both the park and visitors.

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



Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails, on shuttles, or inside park buildings.

Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste. Turn to page 10 for pet-friendly walks in Yosemite Valley.

Service dogs are allowed 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 all subject to pet regulations.

Finding Help

In an Emergency: Call or Text 911

General Park Information
209/372-0200

Road Conditions (Recorded)
209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1)

24-hour Roadside Assistance
209/372-1060

Yosemite Medical Clinic
209/372-4637

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

Accessibility
Download an Accessibility Guide:
[go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite](https://www.nps.gov/AccessYosemite)

Yosemite Online

National Park Service app

Take maps and information with you while you explore the park. Available for iOS and Android.



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