

Yosemite Guide



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UPDATE

Check local resources, area signage, and the park website for current covid protocol, day use permits information, road construction, and shuttle bus reroute updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

Vernal Fall, Yosemite National Park. NPS Image/Sheree Peshlakai

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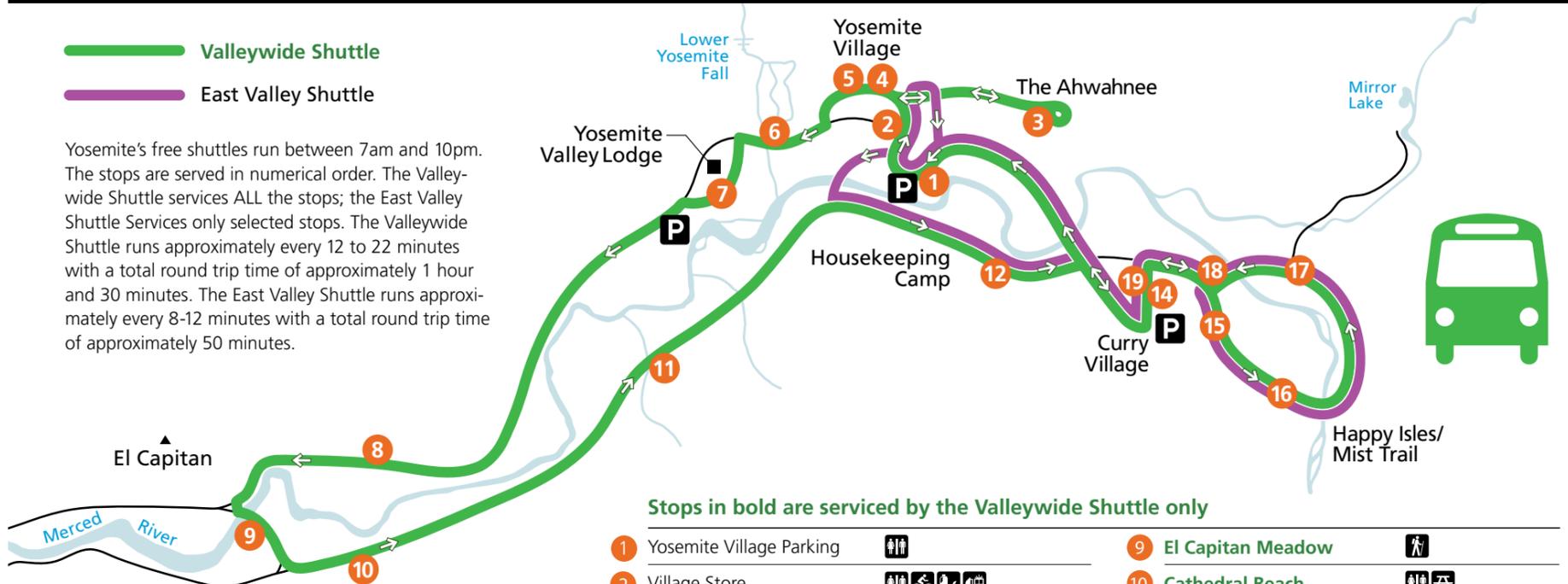
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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

NOTICE! These routes are in effect beginning May 17!

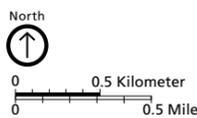
- Valleywide Shuttle
- East Valley Shuttle

Yosemite's free shuttles run between 7am and 10pm. The stops are served in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL the stops; the East Valley Shuttle Services only selected stops. The Valleywide Shuttle runs approximately every 12 to 22 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The East Valley Shuttle runs approximately every 8-12 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes.



Stops in bold are serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only

- P** Parking
- Bathroom
- Electric Car Charging Station
- Information
- Wilderness Permits
- Exhibits
- Theater
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Area Accessible Spots Available
- Trailhead
- Bicycle Rentals Seasonal
- Campground
- Lodging
- Food Service
- Groceries
- Book & Souvenir Shop
- ATM
- Post Office



- 1** Yosemite Village Parking
- 2** Village Store
- 3** The Ahwahnee
- 4** Degnan's Kitchen
- 5** Valley Visitor Center & Museum
- 6** Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7** Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking
- 8** El Capitan Picnic Area

- 9** El Capitan Meadow
- 10** Cathedral Beach
- 11** Four Mile Trail
- 12** Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- 14** Curry Village (eastbound)
- 15** Upper Pines Campground
- 16** Happy Isles
- 17** Mirror Lake
- 18** Lower Pines Campground
- 19** Curry Village (westbound)



Things to Do

Summer in Yosemite

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to get park-related information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open from 9am-5pm.

THINGS TO DO

Walking and Hiking

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of year-round walking and hiking options. Stop by the visitor contact station behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

Bicycling

Experience several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge or Curry Village, *conditions permitting*. See page 5 for Bike Rental hours. *Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.*

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly Le Conte Memorial Lodge) will be open, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am until 4pm from Sunday, May 1 to Friday, September 30, 2022. All evening programs have been canceled for the entire season due to social distancing requirements. Visitors are welcome to visit the new exhibits and meet with Sierra Club Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Volunteers.

PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, or online at www.anseladams.com. See page 4 for programs schedule.



Keep your eyes peeled, you just might see a Snow Plant while you're here, Yosemite Valley. NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Spring offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Adventure Out With Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

Yosemite Mountaineering School offers world-class rock climbing instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking trips, snowshoe hikes and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite's wilderness. YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a variety of skiing, climbing and mountaineering skills and experience. As the only authorized climbing guides in the Park, they can share their unparalleled knowledge with everyone from pros to complete novices. Phone: 209/372-8344; Email yms@aramark.com

Naturalist Programs

Learn about the wonders of the park on a naturalist-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily on a variety of topics *See page 4 for details.*

Custom Yosemite Conservancy Experiences

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide or art instructor for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule.

Custom Adventures: Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Custom Art Classes: Our custom art programs are a fun, accessible way to get to know Yosemite. Spend a couple of hours exploring nature through drawing, painting, sketching & journaling or kids art, Yosemite.org/custom-art-classes.

Looking for ways to connect with Yosemite from home? Contact us to schedule a virtual adventure: adventures@yosemite.org, or a virtual art class: art@yosemite.org.

Art Classes

Professional artists offer beginner-level instruction at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and Valley Visitor Center, helping visitors explore Yosemite through art. Most classes are held outdoors, painting or drawing Yosemite's views. See page 5 for schedule.

Take the Valley Floor Tram Tour

The Valley Floor Tour, a 26-mile, two hour tram tour narrated by a park ranger, departs from Yosemite Valley Lodge daily, *weather permitting*. For more information or to make reservations, call 209/372-1240 or inquire at any Tour and Activity Desks. *See page 5 for tour desk hours.*

Not Available or Modified Services this Spring

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| Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (VC) is closed; an outdoor visitor contact station is available in front of the VC. |
| Some programs are canceled until further notice, <i>see page 4 for programs schedule.</i> |
| Some campgrounds are closed. Camp 4 is now available to first come, first served camping. |
| Yosemite Theater is open, <i>see page 4 for times.</i> Yosemite Museum is closed until further notice. |
| Yosemite Valley Shuttle System has resumed operations, with a modified shuttle route. |
| Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing. |

ENTERING A NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911
 Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
 Open Monday- Friday from 9am to 5pm. (Closed holidays.)
 Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION

Within Yosemite National Park: 209/372-0200
Outside Yosemite National Park: 800/427-7623



PARK APP

Download the National Park Service app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. Find more information on page 11 of this Guide.



ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats
(No per-person fee)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$30/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$20 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

Yosemite Pass \$70,
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$80
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free) (Annual) for active duty US military, US military veterans, and Gold Star families.

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
Must present paper voucher.

Reservations

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

Lodging Reservations
(888) 413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: (888) 339-3481

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
(800) 449-9120 or (209) 962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
(800) 446-1333; www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
(559) 683-4636; www.yosemitethisyear.com

Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
(209) 878-3329

Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
(800) 446-5353 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

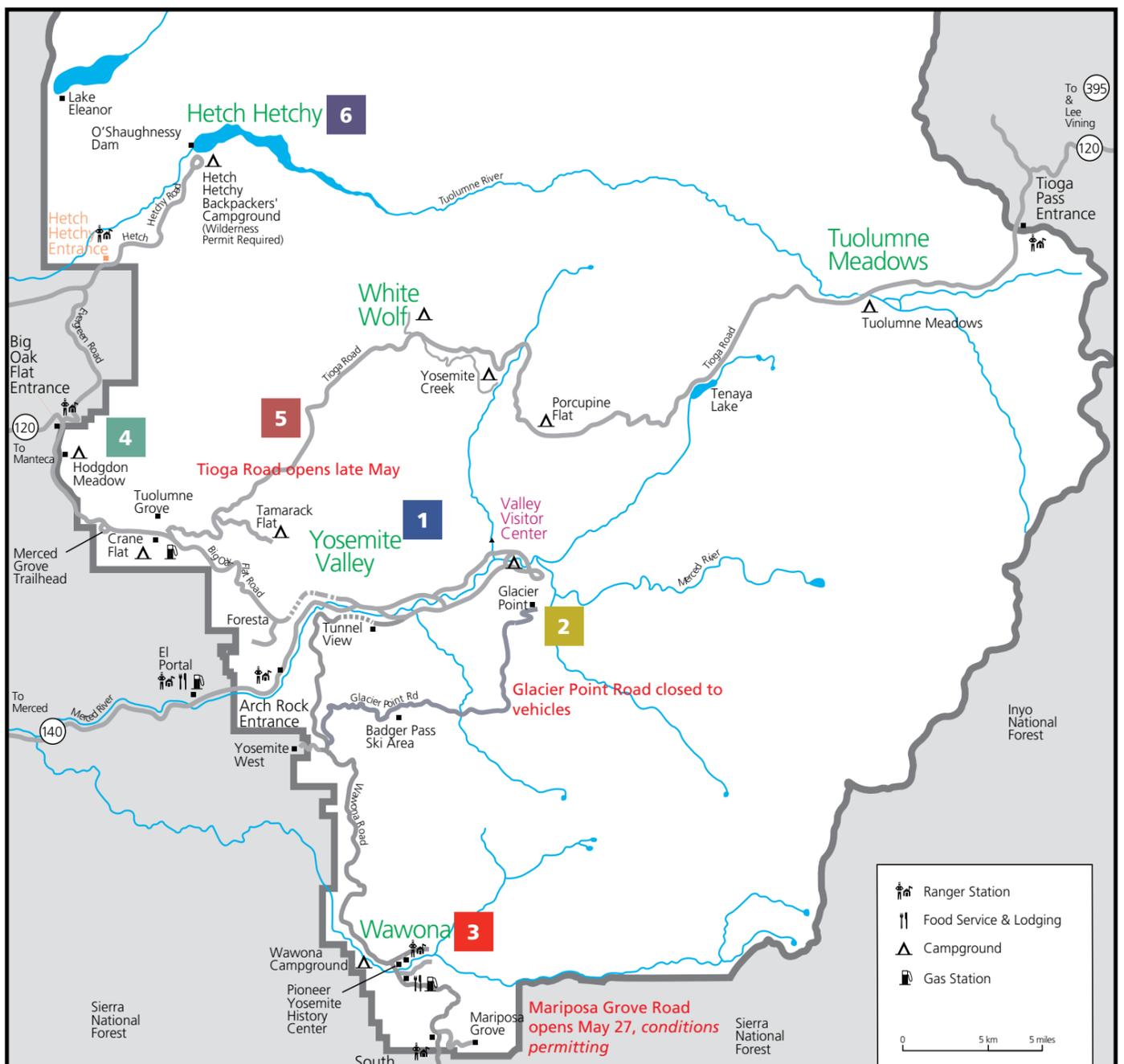
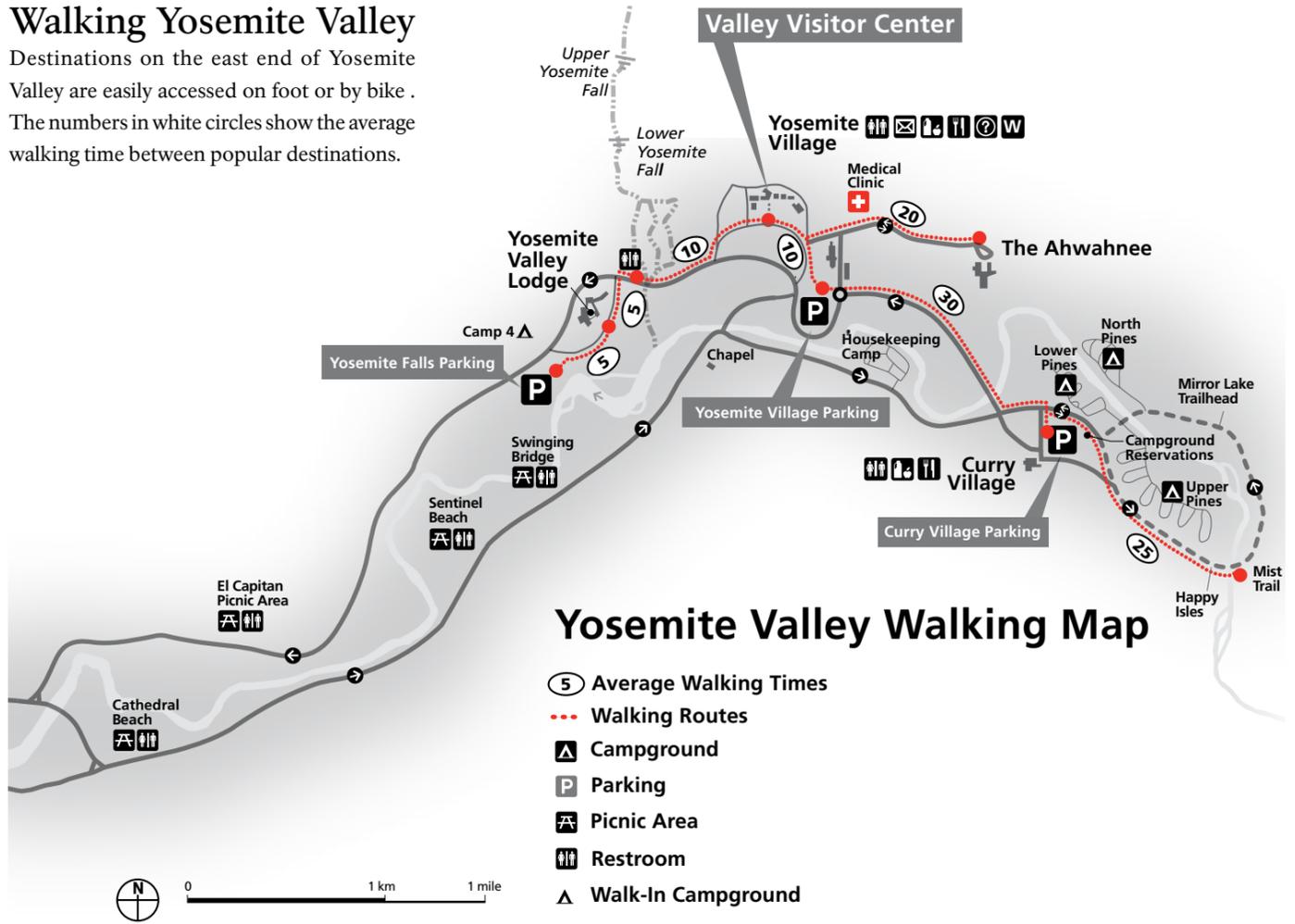
Mariposa County Visitor Center
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
(209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center,
(760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

Destinations on the east end of Yosemite Valley are easily accessed on foot or by bike. The numbers in white circles show the average walking time between popular destinations.



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and can be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 West from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining in summer. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite's meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall and winter scenery. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot or car, the scenery will leave you in awe and eager to see what's around the next corner.

Glacier Point Road

2 *Closed for the 2022 season.* Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. Until shuttle service resumes (scheduled for May 27), access to the grove is via a four-mile round-trip hike with 500 feet of elevation change. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

4 Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

5 The Tioga Road (*may open by Memorial Day weekend*) offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows, granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. All visitors to the high country should be aware of wet, muddy, or snow-covered trails. Hikers need to be prepared to stay safe, not get lost, and to prevent damaging sensitive meadows and riverbanks. Stop in at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and Bookstore for all local information including natural and cultural history, trail conditions, hikes and daily ranger programs in the area. Check the park's website for daily updates about possible delays due to road construction at [go.nps.gov/conditions](https://www.nps.gov/conditions).

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Wild flowers in Yosemite Valley. NPS Image / Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Image / Sarah Gulick



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. NPS Image / Jeffrey Trust



Cathedral Peak. NPS Image



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Image

RECREATION.gov

Buy Your Site Pass on Recreation.gov

Purchase your Yosemite National Park site pass on Recreation.gov before you arrive. Your site pass can easily be downloaded on your phone or tablet, or be printed to be displayed when you arrive. Learn more at <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74296>



Yosemite Valley

Programs, Art, and Exhibits

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station is available near the visitor center for information and updates. Hours are from 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore and Valley Visitor Center exhibit hall are open 9am to 5pm.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Closed Spring of 2022

YOSEMITE THEATER

The Spirit of Yosemite shows daily, on the half hour from 9:30am to 4:30pm, in the Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. View the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes use. Located behind Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

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) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn about our organization, and browse our program calendar.

UPCOMING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- May 20-21 Yosemite Field School: Meadow Magic
- June 2-4 Intro Backpack: Southern Yosemite Waterfalls
- June 3 Adventure Combo: Hike and Stargaze #1
- June 10-12 Yosemite Field School: Bird-Banding

Or plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

UPCOMING ART PROGRAMS

Get creative in Yosemite Valley! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, crafting workshops, nature journaling strolls, paint and sip (at Yosemite Valley Lodge), children's art activities, or the nature exhibit. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes, drop-ins are welcome. Open daily 9am to 4pm.

- Art Classes: Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm:
- May 16-20 Watercolor with Grace Fong
- May 23-27 Watercolor with Bridgette Meinhold
- May 30-Jun 3 Leaf Painting & Watercolor & Jun 6-10 with Sue Fierston
- Jun 13-17 Charcoal Drawing with Jeff Hemming

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Experience a variety of fine arts,

hand-crafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams original photographs. We offer half-day photography classes and private guided tours, reservations required. Call 209/372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

CURRENT EXHIBITION

Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb
April 24, 2022 - June 4, 2022

A new chapter is a time for reflection and anticipation. Not far from home, Charlotte Gibb has been exploring the Sierra for years, quietly but fervently creating an amazing collection of photographs that have a familiar but distinct vision. Her very lyrical and dreamlike compositions, invite one to explore the landscape as one would in the comfort of their own backyard, but provide a sense of wonder that one might attribute to a storybook seeped in fantasy and adventure.

Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery through June 4, 2022, and we hope you will visit us to begin this new chapter.

FUTURE EXHIBITION

Passages of Light: Photographs by William Neill
June 5, 2022 - July 23, 2022

William Neill has been photographing Yosemite and the West for over 40 years and has created a body of work that reveals a grand wonder all around us. A well traversed exploration of these places treats each scene as a sublime exchange of light arranged in a visual poetry

that can only come from such acute knowledge of a Place. A passion for these landscapes is evident in each composition, one not only rooted in a love of light, but in sharing a visceral moment that may otherwise (if not for the distinct character of light passing through a lens) be consigned to demure promise.

A reception for William Neill and his new exhibition "Passages of Light" will be hosted by The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village on Sunday, July 10 between 11am and 1pm with a book signing to accompany the event.

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Complete the activities that are the best fit for you in the below self-guided handbook, available for FREE at visitor center bookstores throughout Yosemite National Park. When you are done, share your booklet with a park ranger at any Yosemite visitor center during operating hours to receive your Junior Ranger badge.

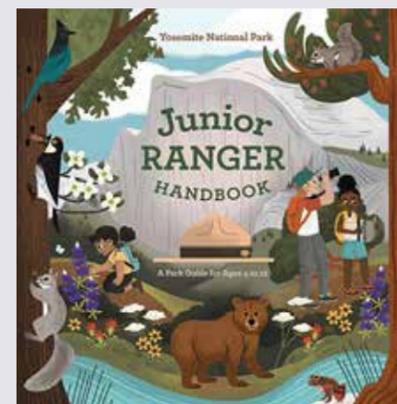


Illustration by Stefani Lacy

| TIME | PROGRAMS - (NPS = National Park Service; YC = Yosemite Conservancy; TAAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery ♿ = Accessible; \$ = Program offered for a fee) | DURATION | LOCATION | REMARKS | SU | M | TU | W | TH | F | SA |
|---------|---|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| 8:00am | Climber Coffee Meet with NPS climbing rangers to discuss current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet at Camp 4 campground near registration booth. (NPS) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | X | | | | | | |
| 9:00am | In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 4 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | | X | | | | |
| 9:00am | Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 4 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | X | | | | | | |
| 9:00am | In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 3 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | X | | | | | |
| 9:00am | Demystifying Digital Exposure Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | | | | | | X |
| 9:00am | Daily Art Class Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (June 13 and 14 meet at Valley Visitor Center), register at Yosemite.org/art . \$ (YC) | 4 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Except May 9-13 | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| 8:00am | Wow, Wawona! A Colorful Cultural History Stroll Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs. | Wawona | | X | | | | | | |
| 10:00am | Kid's Art Class Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, walk ups welcome. \$ (YC) | 1 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Begins June 7 | | X | X | X | X | | |
| 11:00am | Crafting Workshop Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, register at Yosemite.org/art . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Begins June 6 | | X | X | X | | | |
| 11:00am | Nature Journaling Stroll Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, register at Yosemite.org/art . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | June 9 Only | | | | | X | | |
| 11:00pm | Wawona Wander: Tales from Days Gone By Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs | Wawona | | X | | | | | | |
| 12:30pm | Ask-A-Climber 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 (NPS) | 4 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Begins May 14 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 1:00pm | In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 4 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | X | | | | | |
| 1:00pm | In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register in advance at www.anseladams.com . \$ (TAAG) | 3 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | | | | X | | X |
| 1:00pm | Kid's Art Class Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (except June 6), walk ups welcome. \$ (YC) | 1 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Begins May 31 | | X | X | X | X | | |
| 2:00pm | Paint & Sip Meet at Mountain Room Lounge at Yosemite Valley Lodge, register at Yosemite.org/art . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | Begins May 27 | | | | | | X | |
| 2:00pm | Kid's Science Talk Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, walk ups welcome. (YC) | 20 mins | Yosemite Valley | | | | X | | | | |
| 6:00pm | Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC) | 2 hrs | Yosemite Valley | | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| 9:00pm | Explore Yosemite Valley's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC) | 1 hr | Yosemite Valley | | | X | X | X | X | X | |

Services in Yosemite

Schedule



The Village Grill in Yosemite Village will open for the season on May 11, 2022. NPS Image

Hours listed are core hours and may be extended during peak visitation.

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 11am, 11:30am to 6pm
Village Grill
Thurs-Mon, 11am to 6pm, starting May 19
THE AHWAHNEE
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm,
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm,
5:30pm to 9:30pm beginning May 27
Sunday Brunch: 8am to 2pm
Advance reservations available for hotel guests, call 209/372-1489.

The Ahwahnee Bar
Mon-Thurs: 2pm to 9pm
Fri-Sun: 12pm to 10pm,
12pm to 10pm daily beginning May 27

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Starbucks Coffee
7am to 3pm beginning June 30
Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:30am
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm,
11am to 10pm beginning May 27
Mountain Room Bar
5pm to 9:30pm,
beginning May 27, Sun-Thurs: 5pm to 10pm; Fri/Sat: 12pm to 10pm
Mountain Room Restaurant
Wed-Sun: 5pm to 9pm,
5pm to 9:30pm daily beginning May 30

CURRY VILLAGE

Seven Tents Pavilion
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 4pm (Grab n' Go)
Pizza Deck
4pm to 9pm
Bar 1899
11am to 10pm
Coffee Corner
Wed-Sun: 6:30am to 11am,
open daily beginning May 13,
6:30am to 2pm daily beginning May 28
WAWONA
Wawona Hotel and Dining
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm beginning May 27; also on May 30 and June 17

Grocery Stores

YOSEMITE VILLAGE STORE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (The Chapel)
Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org
Sunday Service: 9:15am
11am Memorial Day-Labor Day
*Subject to Covid -19 policies. Please call the chapel for current information before you travel.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
No meetings at this time
Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

CRANE FLAT

Grocery
8am to 7pm beginning May 27

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Gift/Grocery
9am to 5:30pm beginning June 3

EL PORTAL

El Portal Market 9am to 7pm

Gas and Service Stations

EL PORTAL 8am to 5pm

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION

8am to 6pm, Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

CRANE FLAT 8am to 7pm

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card,

Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE (Main Office)

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

EL PORTAL

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm

WAWONA

Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

Books, Gifts and Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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

Yosemite Museum Store

10am to 4pm (closed for lunch), beginning May 27

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm

The Ansel Adams Gallery

10am to 4pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 8am to 9pm
Sweet Shop 8am to 8pm,
7am to 10pm beginning May 27

YOSEMITE VILLAGE STORE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Mountain Shop 8am to 8pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm
Golf Shop
7am to 6pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Hill's Studio Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

MARIPOSA GROVE WELCOME PLAZA

The Depot
9am to 5pm

BIG OAK FLAT

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Center
9am to 5pm, beginning May 20

Recreation

BIKE RENTALS

Curry Village 8am to 7pm
Yosemite Village 8am to 6pm
Yosemite Valley Lodge 8am to 6pm

TOUR/ACTIVITY DESK

Curry Village 7:30am to 3:30pm
Yosemite Valley Lodge 7:30am to 7pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountaineering School
8:30am to 12pm, 1pm to 4:30pm

Raft Rentals

10am to 4pm beginning May 13

WAWONA

Stable

Rides: 8am, 10:30am, and 2pm, beginning May 27; All-day rides: 8am Thursdays

Golf Course (Beginning June 3)

Golf - Wed-Sun: 7am to 5pm
Disc Golf - Mon/Tues: 12pm to 6pm

Other Services

MEDICAL CLINIC - Yosemite Valley

(209) 372-4637
For emergency care CALL 9-1-1
Mon-Fri: 9am to 12pm; 1pm to 5pm,
Closed weekends and federal holidays

YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE

8am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP LAUNDRY

8am to 8pm, beginning May 30

VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Please move vehicle once it is charged
The Ahwahnee (one Tesla/one level 1)
Village Store (one level 2)
Yosemite Valley Lodge (eight level 2)
El Portal Gas Station (two level 2)

Hiking



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, NPS Image/Jeffrey Trust

Choose Your Adventure

What better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot. Ask a ranger at any visitor contact station for updated trail conditions and one of several free day hike handouts.

WALKS/HIKES TO DO IN WAWONA

Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. The Yosemite History Center has interpretive signs that explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and the world.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. *Shuttles begin May 27.* Until then, expect a two-mile, one-way walk to reach the grove. Interpretive signs provide a self-guiding tour once in the grove.

HIKES IN CRANE FLAT

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.



A tunnel tree in Tuolumne Grove. NPS Photo

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

| TRAIL / DESTINATION | STARTING POINT | DISTANCE / TIME | DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Bridalveil Fall - <i>CLOSED due to Construction</i> | | | |
| Lower Yosemite Fall | Across from Yosemite Valley Lodge | 1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes | Easy |
| Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock | Camp 4, across from Yosemite Valley Lodge | 2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours | Strenuous 1,000-foot gain |
| Top of Upper Yosemite Fall | Same as above | 7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours | Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain |
| Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake) | East of North Pines Campground | 2 miles round-trip, 1 hour | Easy |
| Vernal Fall Footbridge | Happy Isles | 1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours | Moderate, 400-foot gain |
| Top of Vernal Fall | Happy Isles | 3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours | Strenuous 1,000-foot gain |
| Top of Nevada Fall | Happy Isles | 5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours | Strenuous 1,900-foot gain |
| Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point | Southside Drive | 4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way | Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain |
| Valley Floor Loop | Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead | 13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop | Moderate |

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. The process for reserving wilderness permits in advance has changed for the 2022 season. Permit reservation requests can be made at www.recreation.gov/permits/445859, 24 weeks to 7 days in advance. The 60% reservable quota for each trailhead first becomes available during a weekly lottery 24 weeks in advance. Any of the 60% that are not confirmed during the lottery will be released for advanced reservations, up to 7 days in advance. The additional 40% of each trailhead quota will be released online by general on sale, 7 days in advance of the trip start date. Any unreserved permits may be available day of only, in person at a wilderness center, during business hours. For every permit lottery application, advanced reservation, general on sale permit, and in person walk-up permit there is a non-refundable \$10 permit fee. For each confirmed permit and walk-up permit, there is an additional non-refundable \$5 per person fee. To reach the Wilderness Reservation staff, use www.yosemite.org/contact-us (preferred) or call 209/372-0740, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm and www.yosemite.org.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to pick up wilderness permits, rent bear canisters, learn about wilderness safety and trail conditions, and purchase maps. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village, between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

WAWONA

On May 20, Hill's Studio will open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until May 20, self-registration wilderness permits for Wawona trailheads only are available on the front porch. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be open 9am to 5pm beginning May 27. Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.



Campground campsite, Yosemite Valley. NPS Image

BIG OAK FLAT

On May 20, the Information Station will be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until May 20, self-registration wilderness permits for the Big Oak Flat trailheads only are available on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be open from 9am to 5pm, beginning May 20. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

HETCH HETCHY

The Hetch Hetchy Road is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Wilderness permit pick up and bear canister rentals are available at the entrance station.

Half Dome Permit Information

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2022, May 27 through October

11, *conditions permitting*. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2022. Additional day use permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season. Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 4pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

Camping

For the 2022 season, the following campgrounds will be open: Upper Pines, Lower Pines and North Pines, Camp 4 (first come, first serve until May 20), Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf and Yosemite Creek. For more information on campground opening dates, visit go.nps.gov/campground.

Most campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time; check recreation.gov for site-specific release dates. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as most campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

Beginning May 20 through September 30, Camp 4 will be available via per-person, one day in advance lottery on recreation.gov, and each site will be assigned to six individuals.

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada

NOTICE!

Frontcountry camping is only permitted in designated campsites. Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.

General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower facilities are available at Curry Village. Laundry facilities are available in Housekeeping Camp.
- There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended
- Firewood collection of dead and down wood is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

Zero Landfill Initiative: Returnable Propane Canisters



Exciting news, campers: You can now buy reusable, returnable Little Kamper propane canisters in Yosemite, including at The Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store and El Portal Market. Here's how it works:

- Purchase a canister.
- Use up the fuel.
- Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program (which uses green Flameking 1 lb. tanks).
- Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

In alliance with the *Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

*This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.

Protecting yourself...



Coming down from the top of Vernal Fall in Spring. NPS Image

ENJOYING YOSEMITE

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reason; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

WEATHER

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but particularly during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is also approaching. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, “when thunder roars, go indoors.” If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Yosemite’s streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

YOSEMITE’S TRAILS

Yosemite’s 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow can be present over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

Yosemite’s roads are as dangerous as the roads near your home, with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull off the road into a designated pull-off or parking area. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Let someone know – always leave travel and hiking plans, including intended routes and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.
- Stay on established trails
- River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness and crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
- Regardless of season you still need to stay hydrated and snack frequently! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty snacks.
- 10 hiking essentials – includes sunglasses, sunscreen, a signaling mirror and whistle.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice.
- Keep doors to guest lodging shut.
- Do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container.
- If camping or backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings.

For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents and their fleas. To protect yourself, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

Wilderness Etiquette: How to Poop in the Woods

- When nature calls, make sure you are 200 feet away from any water source.
- Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you’re able to bury your waste.
- In the winter, human waste still needs to be buried 6 inches deep in soil not snow or carried out in a WAG bag.
- Pack out toilet paper, don’t bury it or try to burn it!



...and Yosemite



Black bear in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney

Keep Bears Wild

With warmer spring weather, bears emerge hungry from hibernation. Please, keep Yosemite's black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It's easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.



DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

...scare it away or keep your distance. You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there are more than one person, stand together

to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209)372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keepbearswild.org.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. During your visit, be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- 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
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call (209) 379-1992.

E-BIKES

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. Speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph."

FISHING

Stream and river fishing in Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is closed from November 15 to April 24. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

How to Store Food "Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This includes items you may not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed dishes.

| LOCATION | FOOD STORAGE | WHY? |
|---|--|--|
| Your Vehicle | You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. | Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles! |
| Your Campsite or Tent Cabin | You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed. | Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin. |
| Picnic Areas & on the Trails | Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food. | Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert. |
| Backpacking in the Wilderness | Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite. | In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food. |

Clean water is a precious resource for all living beings -

You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

- **Protect fragile plants and soils:** Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- **Walk and camp on durable surfaces:** Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- **Pack it in, pack it out:** Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- **Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources:**
- **Use restroom facilities or bury human waste:** Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.



Hetch Hetchy - NPS Image

Yosemite YODOGS:

The Yosemite Search and Rescue Dog Team



Yosemite YODOG team. Image courtesy of Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

The Yosemite National Park Search and Rescue Team (“YOSAR”) uses search dog teams as part of the Yosemite’s SAR emergency service. Nicknamed “YODOGS,” the group is made up of State certified dog handlers that respond to the Park and assist with search and rescue operations with their canine partners. The Park has used this specialized canine resource since 1999 when it was recognized that there was a need for a group of experienced Canine search dog handlers that had strong backcountry search skills, knowledge of the Park, and who were able to operate in the Park’s remote environment with minimal support for several days. The members of YODOGS are certified in accordance with the State of California’s Office of Emergency Services Type 1, Canine Backcountry Search standard. This is typically done via one of the state’s canine search associations (CARDA, WOOF or Monterey Bay).

Backcountry canine search dog teams can typically search large areas and are able to operate in most weather conditions with minimal support. The use of back country canine search teams in conjunction with other types of resources, such as air and ground teams, allows YOSAR to maximize the chances of finding lost and missing individuals as quickly and as efficiently as possible. The dogs that make up YODOGS come in many breeds, but they all share some common traits: They like people and they particularly like to find people. They are trained to ignore wildlife and are comfortable working around visitors.

In order to search their assigned areas the dogs need to be able to keep moving off-trail for many miles per day, multiple days at a time. Their agility must be excellent as they are often called on to search talus fields and other difficult areas. The dog teams are sometimes transported via helicopter into remote areas and are used to being rappelled or belayed with

their handlers into or out of otherwise inaccessible areas. Handlers also have criteria they must meet, including fitness requirements, medical training, and a resume of backcountry search experience. YODOG handlers are “casual hires” by the Department of the Interior (DOI) similar to other YOSAR members or Firefighters. They are hired only for specific searches. All YODOG handlers train with their home team, typically several times a week, to keep their and their dog’s skills sharp. It typically takes 2-3 years of training, 5-10 hours a week to be able to pass the certification tests. Costs associated with maintenance and training (i.e., dog food, vet bills, search equipment and all other expenses) are borne by the handler.

YOSAR has Dog Teams trained in certain disciplines: Trailing, Area Search (Wilderness) and Human Remains Detection. Trailing dogs follow a person’s scent from the point where he or she was last seen. Area search dogs, instead of

following a specific scent trail as trailing dogs do, are assigned to a defined area with their handlers and the dogs’ job is to find every person in the area.

Some visitors to Yosemite may be surprised to see dogs working in the backcountry as dogs are not generally allowed away from designated areas. YOSAR, like most other agencies, has discovered that utilizing a combination of canines along with other resources is the most efficient way of locating lost or injured visitors, as using the proper mix of tools ensures a better outcome for a lost visitor.

If you see a YODOG with a handler, please say hello and ask about YODOGS. If they are not working, they would be happy to introduce you to their dog and the dog would be happy to meet you! To learn more about all areas of YOSAR including YODOGS visit friendsofyosar.org or follow Friends of YOSAR on instagram @foyosar.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

The Ansel Adams Gallery



The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC



Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

NatureBridge



NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom- Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite.

Yosemite Conservancy



Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience for all. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided over \$140 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemite.org or 415/434-1782.

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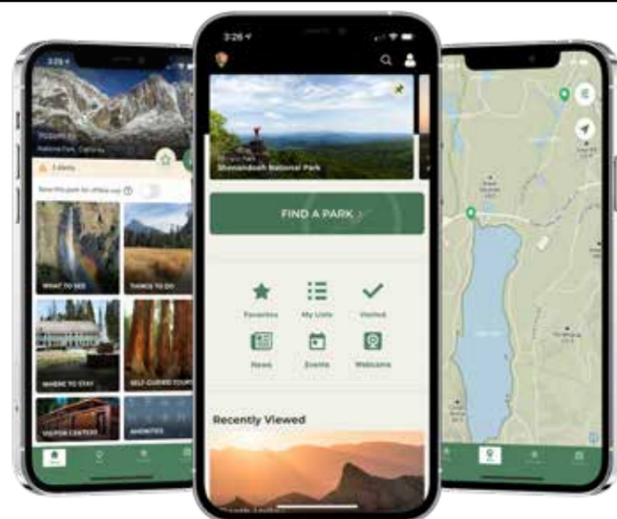
Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, or lounges, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

National Park Service App



Search "National Park Service" in the app stores or use the QR code.

