



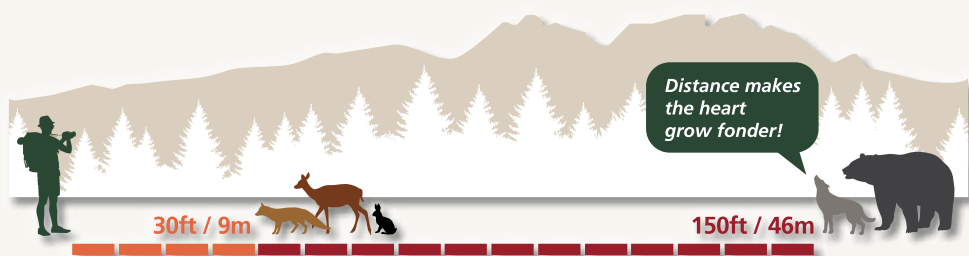
What You Need to Know



Protect Yourself and Your Park

Protect Yourself and Wildlife

Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal to do so. Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. For more information on how to stay safe in Yosemite, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.



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

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. During your visit to Yosemite, please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants, reptiles, or butterflies
- Hunting animals
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Using drones

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

Biking in Yosemite

There are over 12 miles of paved bike paths in Yosemite Valley (speed limit is 15 mph). In addition, bicyclists can ride on regular roads if they obey traffic laws. You can rent a bike, bring your own, or borrow one through the bike share program for up to two hours.

Things to Know

- Bicycling on Yosemite's roads means sharing the road with all vehicles.
- Helmets are required by law for children under 18 years old.
- E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed.
- Electric scooters are allowed on bike paths but not on park roads.
- Off-trail riding and mountain biking, and use of motorized scooters on bike paths are not permitted.

Where Did Yosemite Falls Go?



Yosemite is home to countless waterfalls. The best time to see waterfalls is during spring, when most of the snowmelt occurs. Peak runoff typically occurs in May or June, with some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) often only a trickle or completely dry by August. Storms in late fall rejuvenate some of the waterfalls and all of them accumulate frost along their edges many nights during the winter.

Entering a National Park

A reservation is required to drive into or through Yosemite from 6am to 4pm. See go.nps.gov/reserve



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

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies.
Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
Open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Phone: (209) 372-4637

Road, Weather, and Park Information

Check road updates: (209) 372-0200
Yosemite Village Garage
Open from 8am to 5pm daily. Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: (209) 372-1060

Access for People with Disabilities

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

- Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.
- Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at any visitor center.
- Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

Fire restrictions are in effect. Please visit go.nps.gov/firestages for updates on the current fire stage.



Where can I see wildlife?

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



Is my pet allowed in Yosemite?

Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except when signed as not allowing pets), and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds and group campgrounds. Pets must be restrained on a leash not more than six feet long and may not be left unattended. Other regulations also apply.

Pets are NOT allowed on the shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

Congestion

During the summer, be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available. Once you find a place to park, leave your car parked and use the free shuttle bus. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

Park Partners



Keep in Touch

www.nps.gov/yose



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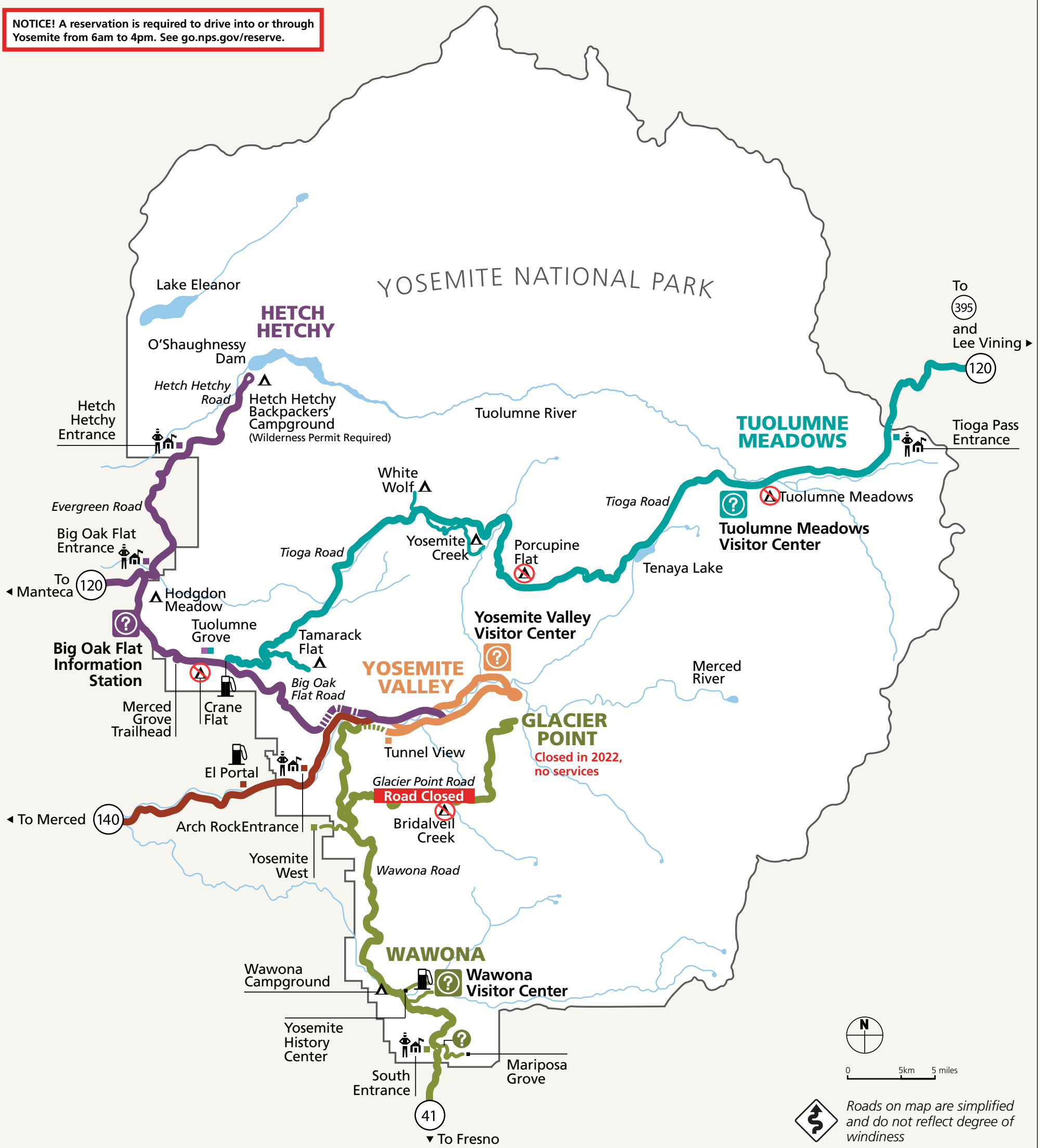
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Enjoy your visit!

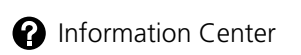
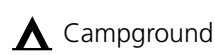
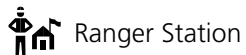


Park Map

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



Visitor Centers



Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

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

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

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center // 9am to 5pm, closes Sept 25th

Big Oak Flat Information Station // 8am to 5pm, open seasonal

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio // 8am to 5pm, open seasonal



Photo by Christine W Loberg

Yosemite Valley



Yosemite Valley is open year round and is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome and its plunging waterfalls, including the tallest in North America, Yosemite Falls. Yosemite Valley's meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph seasonal scenery. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, car, bicycle or with a tour, you will be in awe and eager to see what's around the next corner.

Road Conditions

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, with winter chain restrictions.



Photo by Sheree Peshlakaj

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road



The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada and is a good starting point for countless hikes. There is little to no cell service along the road.

Distance from Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows:

54 mi/87 km (1 ½ hours)

Directions

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

Road Conditions

Expect long delays and parking lot closures due to road construction from Olmsted Point to east of Tuolumne Meadows throughout the season. Visit [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm](https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm) for more information. Tioga Road closes in the winter, typically around mid-November.



Photo by McKenna McFarland

Wawona and Mariposa Grove



The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and take the free shuttle into the grove. It operates from 8am to 7pm, with the last bus leaving Mariposa Grove at 8 pm (5:30pm starting September 8th). Vehicles displaying a disability placard may drive to the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area or the Grizzly Giant parking area. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Distance from Yosemite Valley:

30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41).

Road Conditions

Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year round, with winter chain restrictions.



Photo by Brian Whitehead

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove



See sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter and require a hike to access them. Park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to the grove. Remember, the walk down is easier than the walk up. Bring water.

Distance from Yosemite Valley:

16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

Directions

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

Road Conditions

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



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Hetch Hetchy



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and offers many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn, winter, and spring, and very hot for hiking in the summer. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open.

Distance from Yosemite Valley:

40 mi/64 km (1 ½ hours)

Directions

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

Road Conditions

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



Photo by McKenna McFarland

Glacier Point Road

NO SERVICES - GLACIER POINT ROAD IS CLOSED DURING 2022

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is a great place for photography, hiking, and experiencing the alpen glow at sunset. From Glacier Point you can experience a majestic view, 3,214 feet above Yosemite Valley. Due to extensive road construction on Glacier Point Road, Glacier Point is only accessible via long, strenuous hiking trails. All overnight stays in the area require a wilderness permit.

Road Conditions

Glacier Point Road is closed for the entire 2022 season.



Illustration by Tom Whitworth



Photo by Sheree Peshlakaj

A Park Ranger Suggests...

If you're visiting Yosemite for a half day:

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

If you're visiting Yosemite for a full day:

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

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

- Visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.
- Explore Yosemite Valley with a rental bike.
- See Hetch Hetchy, an area once described as Yosemite Valley's twin.
- Play in the water and picnic at Tenaya Lake.
- Hike Lembert Dome in Tuolumne Meadows.

Do you have kids?

- Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet and complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!
- Attend a family ranger program in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

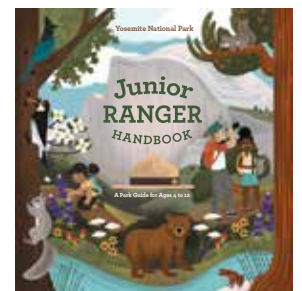


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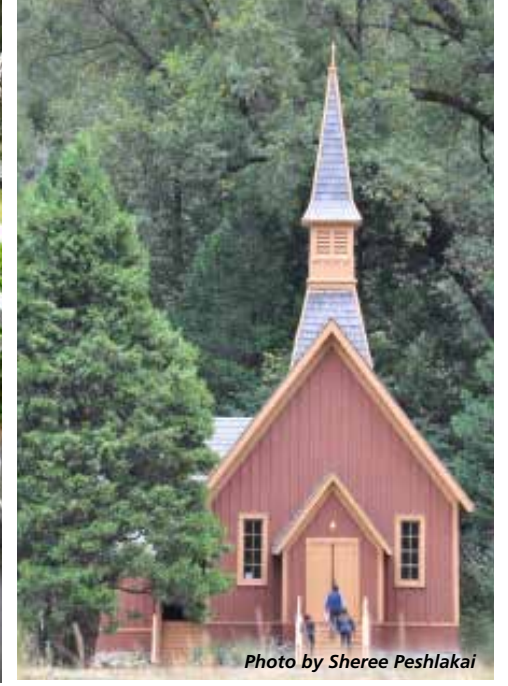


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Hospitality Service Hours

YOSEMITE VALLEY

FOOD & BEVERAGE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen
Breakfast 7am to 11am
Lunch 11:30am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's
Closed

Village Grill
11am to 6pm

THE AHWAHNEE

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

The Ahwahnee Bar
Friday - Sunday: 12pm to 10pm
Monday - Thursday: 2pm to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:00am
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm

Mountain Room Bar
Friday - Saturday: 12pm to 10pm
Sunday - Thursday: 5pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm
(Last seating is at 8:30pm)

CURRY VILLAGE

Peet's Coffee Corner
6:30am to 12pm
(Jennie's Ice Cream is closed)

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

Curry Village Bar
12pm to 9pm



Pizza Deck
12pm to 9pm

Meadow Grill
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 4pm, may close for lunch

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

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

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

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center
8am to 5pm

Village Store
8am to 8pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop
9am to 7pm

Sweet Shop
8am to 8pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm

Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm (closes at 8pm starting Sept 5th)

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm (closes at 8pm starting Sept 5th)

Happy Isles
Happy Isles Art and Nature Center
9am to 4pm, may close for lunch

POST OFFICES

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

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

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store
Closed

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30am to 7pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool
Thursday - Monday: 11am to 7pm
(closes for the season on Sept 5th)

Bike Rentals
8am to 6pm (9am to 5pm starting Sept 6th)

CURRY VILLAGE

Tour and Activity Desk
Closed

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

Bike Rentals
8am to 6pm (9am to 5pm starting Sept 6th)

Raft Rentals
Closed for the season

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Showers
7am to 10pm (guests only)

Laundry
8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Showers
open 24 hours

WAWONA, MARIPOSA GROVE, GLACIER POINT

FOOD & BEVERAGE

WAWONA

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Lounge Service: 4pm to 9pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand
7am to 6pm

Glacier Point
Snack Stand
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Wawona Hill Studio Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Pine Tree Market
8am to 8pm

MARIPOSA GROVE

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

GLACIER POINT

Gift Shop
Closed



POST OFFICE

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

GAS STATION

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

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Disc Golf
Monday - Tuesday: 12pm to 6pm

Tennis Courts
8am to dusk



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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS, TIOGA ROAD

FOOD & BEVERAGE

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

Closed

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room

Closed

WHITE WOLF LODGE

White Wolf Lodge Dining Room

Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Gift/Groceries

9am to 5:30pm (closes Sept 18th)

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (closes September 26th)

9am to 5pm daily

at Big Oak Flat Information Center

9am to 5pm daily

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

(closes Sept 18th)

GAS STATION

Crane Flat Service Station

8am to 7pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.



Service Organizations

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Yosemite Valley Chapel

Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30pm

Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,

Resident Minister

(209) 372-4831

www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Sunday Services in the Yosemite Chapel

9:15am (year-round) & 11:00am

(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Thursday Bible Study

7pm, contact chapel for location

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES IN NATIONAL PARKS

(Non-denominational)

Sunday Worship Services at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater

8:30am-11:30am

Camping & Lodging: How to Spend the Night in Yosemite

Reservations are required for all campgrounds in 2022. There are no first-come, first-served campgrounds open.

Before your arrival to the park, reserve a spot at one of the following campgrounds: Wawona, Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Camp 4, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf (until September 6th), or Yosemite Creek (until September 15th).

If you don't have a reservation, you can try for a reservation one day in advance via lottery at Camp 4 (tents only, no RVs or trailers) or check the website for possible cancellations elsewhere. Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not park your car or RV in a parking lot or along the side of the road and sleep overnight.

The following campgrounds will remain closed for the entire 2022 season: Tuolumne Meadows, Crane Flat, Bridalveil Creek, Porcupine Flat.

Campground Reservations

www.recreation.gov (recommended)

(877) 444-6777

Call Center Hours

7am to 9pm Pacific Time



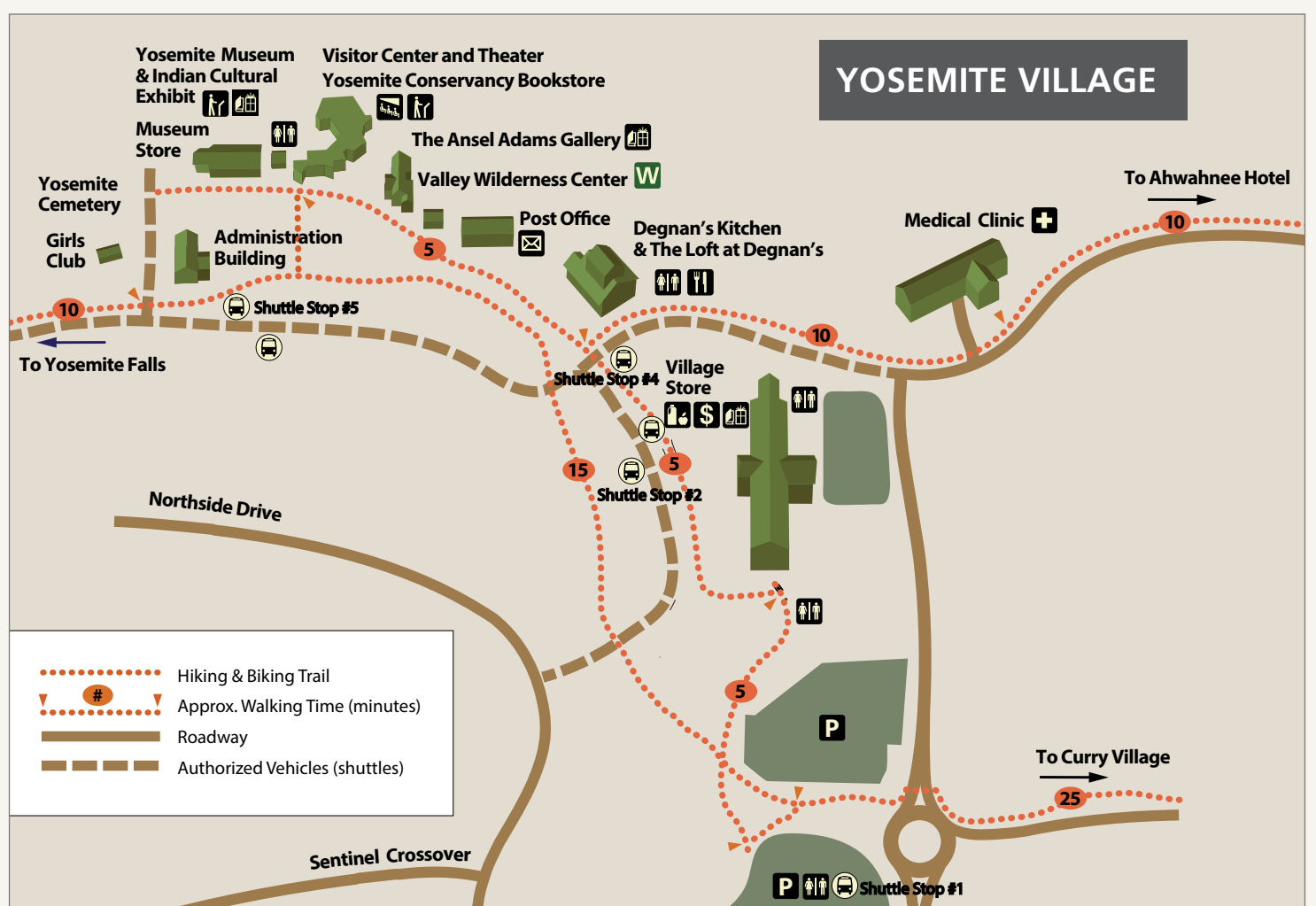
Lodging Reservations

www.travelyosemite.com

(888) 413-8869

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

- The Ahwahnee
- Yosemite Valley Lodge
- Wawona Hotel
- Curry Village
- Housekeeping Camp





Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



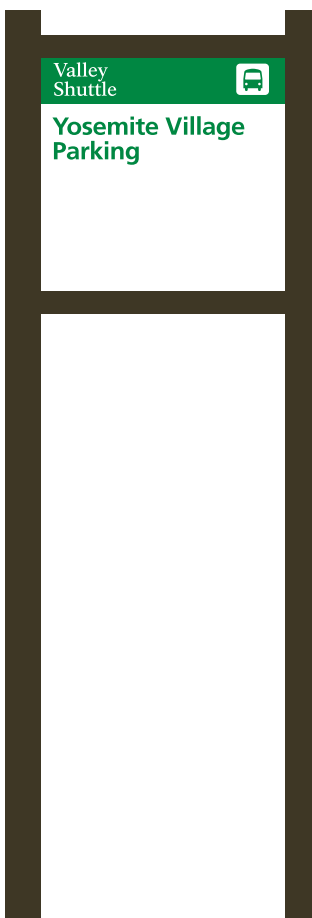
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Valleywide Shuttle

East Valley Shuttle

Valley

The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate from 7am to 10pm daily and serve stops in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL stops; the East Valley Shuttle services only selected stops. The Valleywide Shuttle runs approximately every 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 to 12 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes. See schedules posted at shuttle stops for more information.



Shuttle Stops

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

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

3 **The Ahwahnee**
– Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop



4 **Degnan's Kitchen**
– Dining, Gift and Grocery, Post Office, Wilderness Center
– Less than 5-minute Walk: Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

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

6 **Lower Yosemite Falls**
– Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



7 **Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking**
– Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

8 **El Capitan Picnic Area**
– Scenic View

9 **El Capitan Meadow**
– Scenic View

10 **Cathedral Beach**
– Scenic View

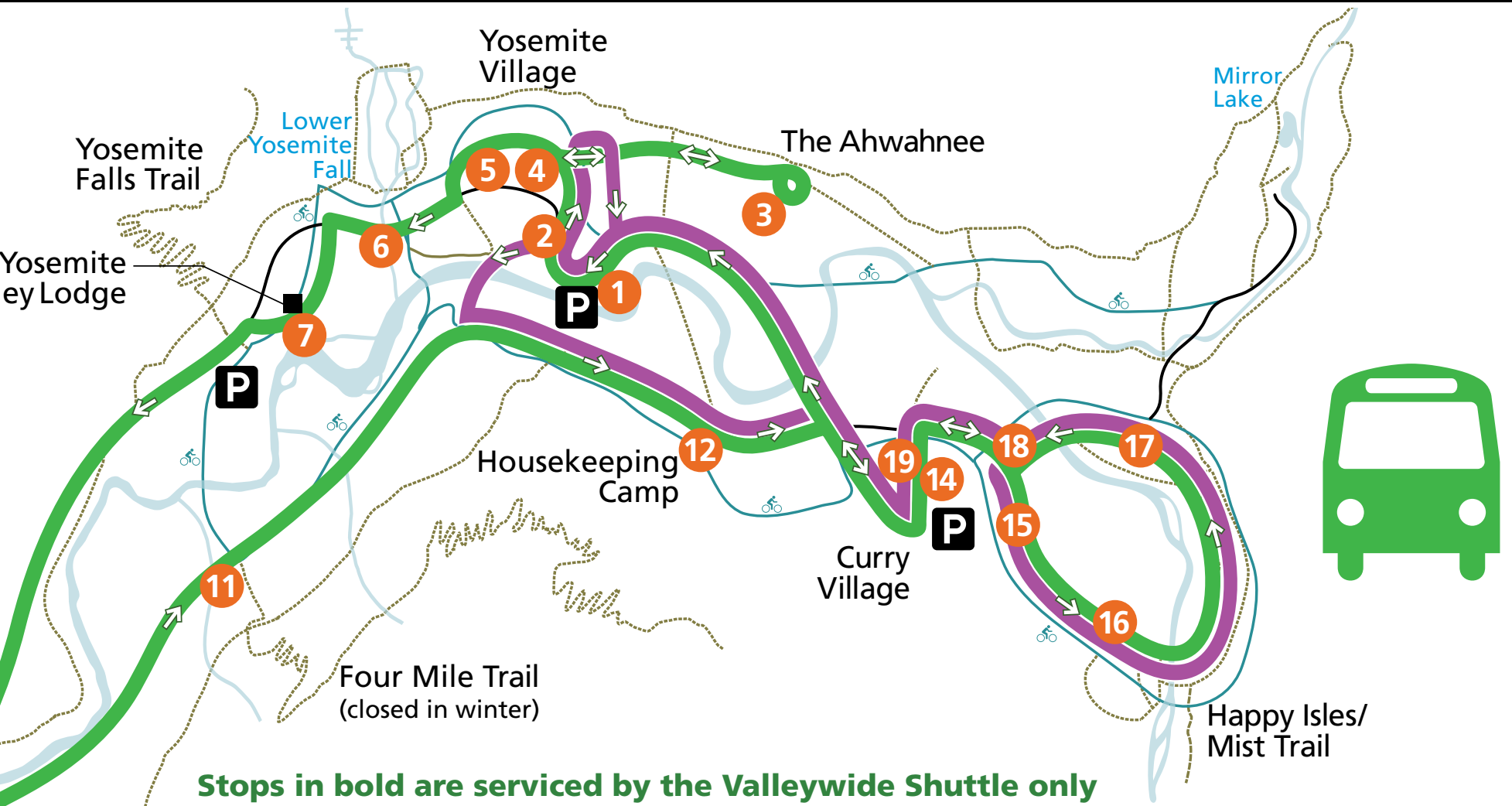


11 **Four Mile Trail**
– Trailhead
– Less than a 5-minute walk: Restrooms, Parking, Scenic View

12 **Housekeeping Camp/Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**
– Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Laundry

14 **Curry Village (eastbound)**
– Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Tour and Activity Desk, Amphitheater, Showers





Stops in bold are serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only

1	Yosemite Village Parking	♿
2	Village Store	♿, 🚲, 🍷, 🍺, 🛒
3	The Ahwahnee	♿, 🍷, 🍺, 🛏, 🍴, 🛒
4	Degnan's Kitchen	♿, 🍴, 💰
5	Valley Visitor Center & Museum	♿, 🗺, 📖, 🚲, 🛒, 📧, ♻, YARTS
6	Lower Yosemite Falls	♿, 🚲, ♿
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/Mist Trail	♿, ♿, ♿
17	Mirror Lake	♿
18	Lower Pines Campground	♿
19	Curry Village (westbound)	♿, 🚲, 🛏, 🍴, 🍷, 🍺, 🛒

5 Kilometer
0.5 Mile



Travel Recommendations

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



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



YARTS
The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park. Their buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS! For more information and schedules, visit their website at Yarts.com or call them at (877) 989-2787.



- 🍷, 🍺 Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.
- P** Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion and can cause frustration for you and your passengers.
- 🚌 Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- 📅 Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- 🏠 Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.
- 🚶 Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.



Events and Programs



TIME	PROGRAMS	DURATION	EXCEPTIONS	LOCATION	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
8:00am	Bird Walk Take an easy stroll around Tuolumne Meadows with an expert. Binoculars provided. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. (NPS)	2.5 hrs		Tuolumne Meadows							X
9:00am	Climber Coffee Meet with climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities and climbing current events. Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Store Parking Lot until September 4th, Camp 4 until October 30th. (NPS)	2 hrs		Tuolumne Meadows	X						
9:00am	Daily Art Class Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at Yosemite.org/art. \$ (YC)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		X	X	X	X	X	
9:00am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley				X			
10:00am	Nature Walk - Mariposa Grove Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS)	1.5 hrs		Mariposa Grove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:00am	Art in the Pines Make your own Yosemite masterpiece at this ranger-led art activity. Meet at Pine Tree Market, 7995 Chilnualna Falls Rd. (NPS)	1 hr	September 25	Wawona	X						
10:00am	Art in the Park Make your own Yosemite art at this activity. Meet at Redwoods in Yosemite Vacation Rentals Office, 8038 Chilnualna Falls Rd, Wawona. (NPS)	1 hr		Wawona							X
10:00am	Botanical Walk in the Meadows Take an easy to moderate walk with a park ranger to find what grows in the high country. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. (NPS)	2 hrs	Ends September 21	Tuolumne Meadows	X			X			
10:00am	Family Ranger Talk Meet in front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (NPS)	15 mins		Yosemite Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:30am	Walk Amongst the Giants Learn about giant sequoias on a ranger-led hike. Meet at the end of the trail by the picnic tables, a mile walk from parking area. (NPS)	45 mins		Tuolumne Grove		X		X		X	
11:00am	Junior Ranger Program Meet at Parsons Memorial Lodge for an easy stroll with a ranger. (NPS)	1 hr	Ends September 13	Tuolumne Meadows			X				
11:00am	Nature Journaling Stroll Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, register at Yosemite.org/art. \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley					X		
12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. (NPS)	15 mins		Tuolumne Meadows	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1:00pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley							X
1:00pm	Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected). Meet at Shuttle Stop #6. (NPS)	1.5 hrs		Yosemite Valley	X					X	X
1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		X					
1:00pm	Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley					X		
2:00pm	Paint & Sip Meet at Mountain Room Lounge at Yosemite Valley Lodge. Register at Yosemite.org/art. \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley						X	
2:00pm	Vertical Wilderness Walk Take a moderately strenuous 2-mile roundtrip walk with a climbing ranger to discover the vertical wilderness of Yosemite's big walls. Meet at the west side of El Capitan Bridge. Limited to 12 people. (NPS)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley	X						
2:00pm	Stories of the Sequoias Explore connections between sequoia history and nature. Meet at end of the trail by the picnic tables, a mile from parking area. (NPS)	30 mins		Tuolumne Grove	X		X				X
2:00pm	Nature Walk - Mariposa Grove Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS)	1.5 hrs		Mariposa Grove	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2:00pm	Your Yosemite: Sense of Place Stroll Meet at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, walk ups welcome. (YC)	1 hr		Yosemite Valley			X			X	
3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. (NPS)	15 mins		Tuolumne Meadows	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3:00pm	Family Ranger Talk Meet in front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (NPS)	15 mins		Yosemite Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6:00pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures. \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley		X	X	X	X	X	
7:00pm	Evening Ranger Program Meet at Redwoods in Yosemite Vacation Rentals Office, 8038 Chilnualna Falls Rd. (NPS)	1 hr	September 27	Wawona			X				
7:30pm	Evening Ranger Program Meet at the fire circle near group campsites to learn about Yosemite from a ranger. See local postings for each week's subject. (NPS)	45 mins		Hodgdon Meadow Campground	X					X	
8:00pm	Stars Over Mono Explore the night sky under the big sky at Mono Lake! Dress warm and bring a flashlight and something to sit on. (NPS)	1.5 hrs	Ends September 19	Mono Lake (South Tufa)		X					
8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Talk Meet at Pine Tree Market, 7995 Chilnualna Falls Rd. (NPS)	1 hr		Wawona						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	

Special Event: 2nd Annual Obata Art Weekend, August 26-28, 2022 in Yosemite Valley
 Join special guest speakers to celebrate artist Chiura Obata and his legacy. Throughout the weekend, Yosemite park rangers will give programs about art in Yosemite National Park and guest artists will teach art classes and give demonstrations. For more information, visit the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center or check Yosemite's calendar of events online.



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

NPS National Park Service
 YC Yosemite Conservancy

YH Yosemite Hospitality
 SC Sierra Club

TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
 \$ Programs with a fee

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



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Yosemite Valley (NPS)

Ask a ranger your questions, become a Junior Ranger, and find park resources at the Yosemite Valley Information Station. Then, explore exhibits at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Both are open from 9am to 5pm. Visit the Yosemite Valley Theater to watch *The Spirit of Yosemite*. The first showing is at 9:30am, and the last showing is at 4pm. Yosemite Museum features stories from Native tribes and is open from 10am to 4pm, closed for lunch. Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers and stewards as they discuss the ins and outs of climbing El Capitan, daily from 12:30pm-4:30pm on the west side of El Capitan Bridge with telescopes for viewing climbers on El Capitan for public viewing when climbers are present. Questions and curiosity are welcome!

Hetch Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadow, & Crane Flat

The Big Oak Flat Information Station is open daily from 8am to 5pm for information including park history, current conditions, and wilderness permits. Meet a ranger in the Tuolumne Grove to learn more about giant sequoias or attend a program at Hodgdon Campground.

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. The Center welcomes visitors to explore the exhibits and meet with Sierra Club volunteers. There will be no evening programs offered this season. Call (209) 372-4542 for more details.

Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.

Contact (209) 379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.

Glacier Point

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

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Visit the Yosemite History Center and experience life in the early days of Yosemite National Park. Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing at the Blacksmith Shop. Blacksmithing demonstrations are offered from 10am to 5pm on Thursdays through Sundays, with a break from 1pm to 2pm, and from 2pm to 5pm on Wednesdays. Then, discover the Mariposa Grove on a nature walk with a ranger.

Tuolumne Meadows

The Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and Bookstore is open daily, 9am to 5pm, for information including park history, trail conditions, and ranger programs in the area. Visit Parsons Memorial Lodge at the Soda Springs, open 10am to 4pm daily, to meet a ranger, learn the history of Yosemite's high country, or use the reading room. Both close for the season on September 25th.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily, 10am to 4pm, and is located in Yosemite Village. Step inside the Gallery to experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. They offer half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes leave from The Gallery and require reservations. Call ahead for reservations at (209) 372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photography-education.

- Exhibition: July 24th - Sept 24th "Untamed: The Photographs of Jimmy Chin"
- Exhibition: Sept 25th - Nov 5th "High Spirits: New Paintings by Penny Otwell"

Yosemite Hospitality

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers half-day and full-day group hikes. Call (209) 372-8344 or stop by the Mountain Shop at Curry Village to make your reservation. In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, led by a park ranger on a tram. Visit travelyosemite.com or call (888) 413-8869 to book your adventure.

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Take an Outdoor Adventure or plan your own Custom Adventure with one of their naturalists. Advanced registration is required. Learn more and sign up at yosemite.org/custom-adventures.


Yosemite Conservancy Art

Get creative in Yosemite Valley! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, other art activities, and the nature exhibit. Visit Yosemite Valley Lodge for a paint and sip activity. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes, with drop-ins welcome as space is available. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center is open daily from 9am to 4pm.


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



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Yosemite Valley

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
	Mirror Lake/Meadow (Dry in summer and fall)	When filled in winter and spring, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs, otherwise a scenic meadow.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Mirror Lake, Shuttle Stop #17	Easy; flat
	Lower Yosemite Fall	A short trail rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #6	Easy; flat
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Enjoy overlooking Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock, located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Yosemite Falls Trail	This trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall. The upper half of the trail is steep and rocky, but the arduous climb is well worth the amazing views.	7.2 mi/11.6 km round- trip, 6 to 8 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km round- trip, 1 to 2 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Moderate; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	Reach the top of Nevada Fall by Mist Trail or via the John Muir Trail (bypassing Vernal Fall). Portions of the John Muir and Mist Trails are closed in winter due to ice.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	Much of this trail takes you through some of Yosemite Valley's picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop #6	Moderate; mostly level
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Hike this trail to see outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. There is currently no road access to Glacier Point, making this strenuous trail even more rewarding as you enjoy the views with fewer crowds.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Four Mile Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

WILDERNESS PERMITS

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Go to [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) to make a reservation and to check trailhead availability. Plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters at any of the following locations:

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

8am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Big Oak Flat Information Station

8am to 5pm

Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

8am to 5pm

HALF DOME PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up, from late-May to mid-October, conditions permitting. There are no first-come, first-served permits available in 2022. More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, more information can be found at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm. Both a wilderness permit and a Half Dome permit will be required.

ROCK CLIMBING PERMITS

For overnight climbs between May 20 and September 30, 2022, you can request a wilderness climbing permit reservation 2 to 15 days before your planned climb. Learn more at yosemite.org/climbingpermits. Day climbs do not require a wilderness climbing permit.



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Outside Yosemite Valley

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS/TIOGA ROAD					
SOME PARKING AREAS MAY BE CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION. CHECK THE TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER.					
	Soda Springs/ Parsons Lodge	See Soda Springs—carbonated, cold water bubbling out of the ground—protected within a log enclosure. Historic Parsons Memorial Lodge offers exhibits (limited hours).	1.5 mi/2.4 km round-trip, 1 hour	Begin at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and cross the meadow	Easy; flat
	Lembert Dome	See a spectacular view of Tuolumne Meadows and surrounding peaks atop Lembert Dome.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Along Tioga Road, begin at the Dog Lake parking lot	Moderately Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Cathedral Lakes	The trail climbs steadily to gorgeous Upper Cathedral Lake. Near the top of the climb, it passes a half-mile trail to equally stunning Lower Cathedral Lake.	8.2 mi/13.2 km round-trip, 4 to 6 hours	Begin at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center	Moderately strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
CRANE FLAT					
	May Lake	This short trail leads through a conifer forest and across granite slabs to reach May Lake. Enjoy views of Half Dome and surrounding mountains on the way.	2.4 mi/3.9 km round trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at the May Lake Parking Area, 1.75 miles north of Tioga Road	Moderate; 500-foot elevation gain
WAWONA					
	Wawona Meadow Loop	A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife and wildflowers. Bikes and leashed pets are allowed.	3.5 mi/5.6 km round trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin across the street from Wawona Hotel past the Golf Course	Easy; flat
GIANT SEQUOIA GROVES					
	Tuolumne Grove Trail	Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—down through sugar pines and white firs to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias.	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Rd	Moderate; 500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain
	Mariposa Grove – Big Trees Loop Trail	Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias.	0.3 mi/.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Easy; flat
	Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree.	2.1 mi/3.4 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	In Mariposa Grove, begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain

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

SAFETY INFORMATION



Preventing Dehydration

Always carry more water than you need. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and frequently eating salty snacks.



Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to keep a safe distance from all falling or moving water.



Pets

Pets are permitted on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths only (except when signed as not allowing pets).



Drones

The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal under all circumstances.



Bicycling

Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.

For All Seasons

- Stay on established trails – Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.
- Pack essentials – including a flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person.
- YOU are responsible for your safety.

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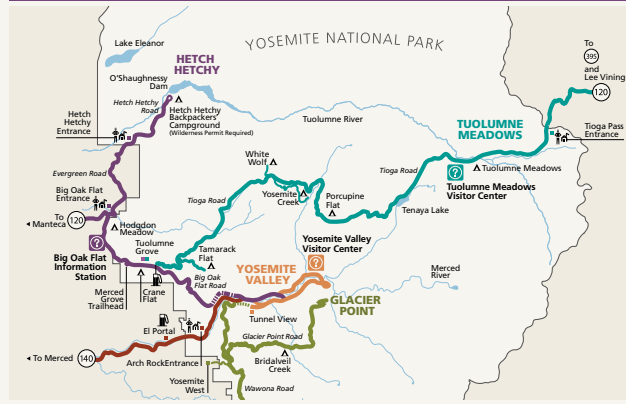
A reservation is required to drive into or through Yosemite from 6am to 4pm. See [go.nps.gov/reserve](https://www.nps.gov/reserve).



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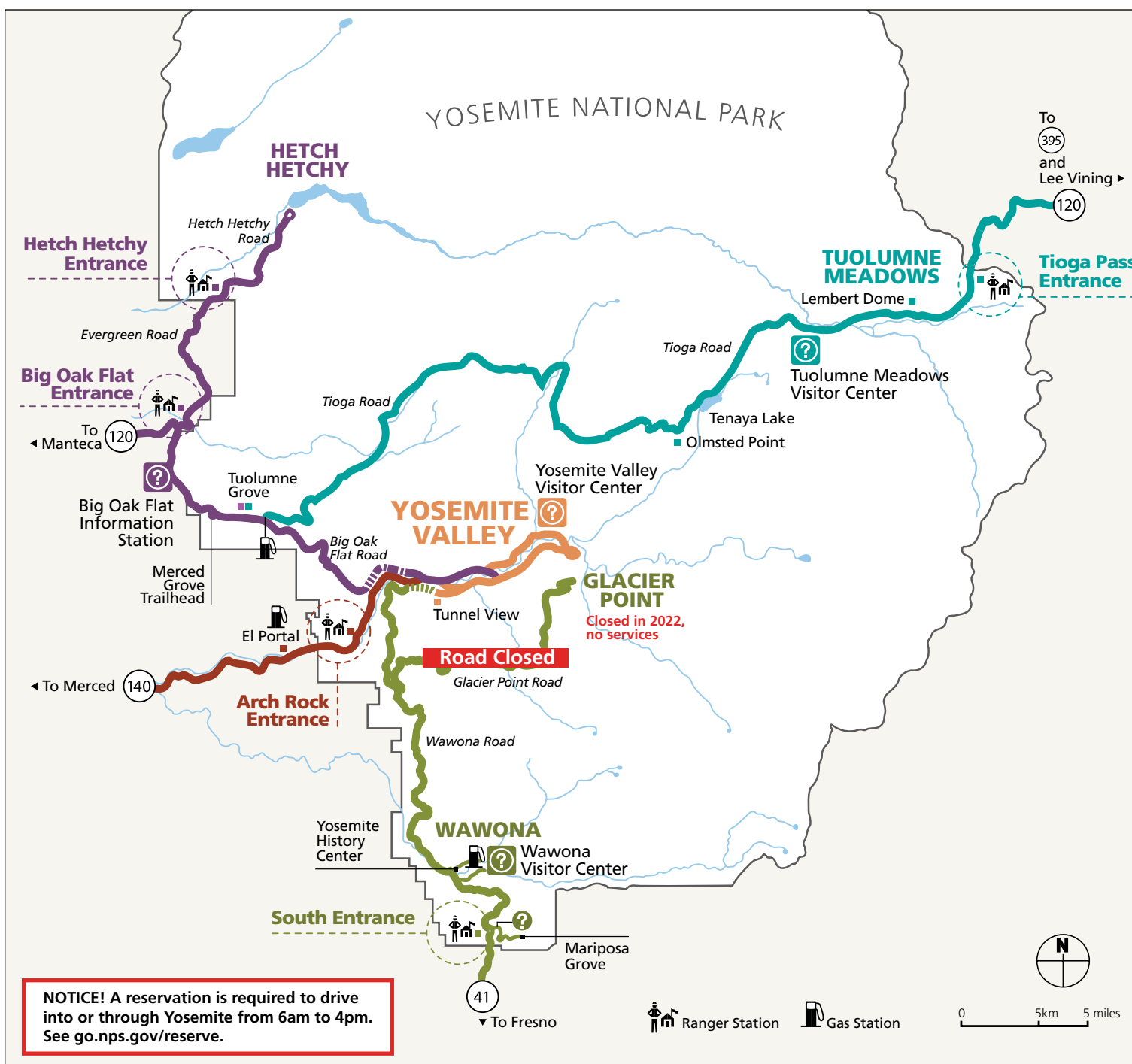
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DIRECTIONS

Reach Yosemite Valley via:

- Highway 41** (Wawona Road) from Fresno 100 mi/160 km (2 ½ hours)
- Highway 140** (El Portal Road) from Merced 80 mi/129 km (2 hours)
- Highway 120 West** (Big Oak Flat Road) from Manteca 114 mi/183 km (2 ¾ hours)
- Highway 120 East** (Tioga Road) from Lee Vining, summer only 75 mi/121 km (2 hours)

Road Conditions:

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

WHAT TO SEE

(See Page 3 for more information)

South Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
- Yosemite History Center -Wawona
- Wawona Visitor Center
- Glacier Point Road (currently closed)

Arch Rock Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Only 20 minutes to Yosemite Valley

Big Oak Flat Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Hetch Hetchy (via Evergreen Road)
- Big Oak Flat Information Station
- Merced Grove
- Tuolumne Grove

Tioga Pass Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Lembert Dome
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
- Tenaya Lake
- Olmsted Point