

# Yosemite Essentials



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

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

**April 13 to June 30**

Saturdays, Sundays, & holidays only

**July 1 to August 16**

Daily

**August 17 to October 27**

Saturdays, Sundays, & holidays only

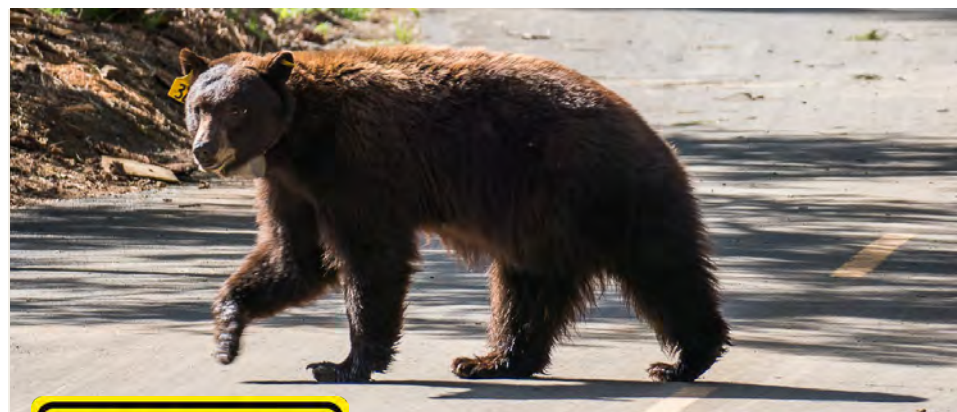
Visitors may enter the park with:

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

## Proper Food Storage is Required by Law

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

### During the Day

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

### At Night

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

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



## Summer in Yosemite: What to Expect

**Arrive early or in late afternoon.** On busy summer days, wait times at entrance stations can be long, and parking in Yosemite Valley may completely fill. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle to Valley trailheads and other destinations. *Park only in designated parking spaces, or in a paved turnout, pulled completely off the road. Vehicles blocking the road are subject to citation and may be towed.*

**Waterfalls peak in May and early June.** Some waterfalls may dry up completely by late summer.

## Visitor & Emergency Services

In an Emergency:  
Call or Text 911

Non-emergency dispatch line  
209/379-1992

**Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)**  
209/372-4637 | Open Mon to Fri,  
9 am – 6 pm. Urgent care walk-ins  
with out-of-pocket fees: 1 pm –  
4:30 pm.

**Yosemite Village Garage**  
Call 209/372-1060 for 24-hour  
roadside assistance.

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

## Accessibility

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

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request.

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

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

Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

## Park Regulations

The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Regulations are in place to protect both visitors and park resources.

### Prohibited activities include:

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

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

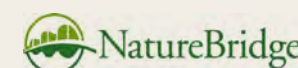


**Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.**

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

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

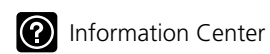
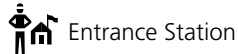
## Park Partners



# ↘\* Park Map



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



## 📍 Where to Find More Information

### Information Centers

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

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

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

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

**📍 Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
8 am to 5 pm daily

**📍 Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm daily *opening early or mid-June*

### Look up Current Conditions

To check the current status of park roads, call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1.)

For planned or long-term closures to park roads, trails, and facilities, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/conditions](https://www.nps.gov/conditions).



### Sign Up for Yosemite Traffic Alerts

Get up-to-the-minute text alerts for delays and unplanned road closures: text **ynptraffic** to **333111**



### Get the Official NPS App

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

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

## Places to Explore



### YOSEMITE VALLEY

The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its towering granite walls and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. The Valley's many waterfalls roar in spring but slow or dry up completely by late summer.

Start your visit at the new welcome center in Yosemite Village for trail maps and park information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum and the Yosemite Exploration Center for exhibits and cultural demonstrations. *Turn to page 4 for hours.* Check page 8 for a variety of talks, tours, and classes in the Valley. Turn to page 11 for Valley hiking.



### WAWONA & THE MARIPOSA GROVE

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

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

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



### GLACIER POINT

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

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

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



### CRANE FLAT

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller and quieter than the Mariposa Grove. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove (pictured at left), or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley** 16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat. Turn right for Tuolumne Grove parking, or continue on Big Oak Flat Road for 3.5 miles to Merced Grove parking.

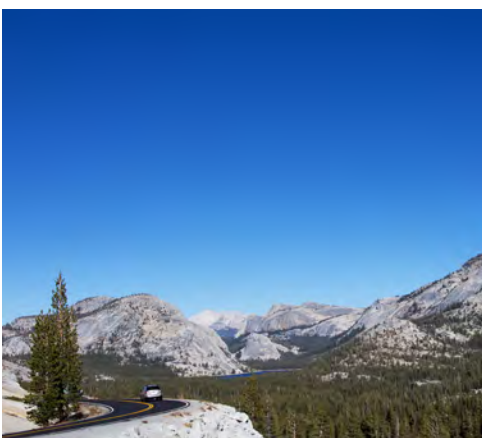


### HETCH HETCHY

A source of water and hydroelectric power for San Francisco, Hetch Hetchy is also home to spectacular scenery. From here, visitors can walk across the dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's wilderness.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley** 40 mi/64 km (1½ hours)

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road. *Hetch Hetchy Road is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.*



### TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

*Tioga Road closes each winter and typically opens by May or June.*

Tioga Road is a 45-mile scenic drive through Yosemite's high country, with access to trailheads, scenic vistas, and popular destinations like Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows. Services are extremely limited in this remote area, so fill up on gas, snacks, and water before you go.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley** 54 mi/87 km (1½ hours)

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) to Crane Flat. Turn right onto Tioga Road (Hwy 120 E.)

## Things to Do

### Explore by Car

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

### Hit the Trail

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

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

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

### Book a Guided Tour

*Turn to pages 8 & 9 for details.*

### Experience the Park After Dark

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

### Sign Up for an Art or Photography Class

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

### Ride a Bicycle

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

### Watch for Wildlife

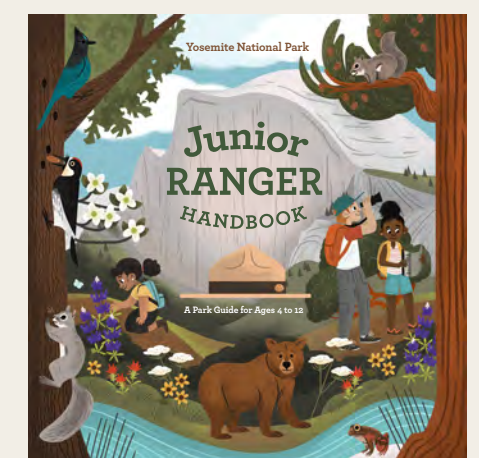
Visit meadows around dawn and dusk for the best chance of spotting birds and other wildlife. *Remember it's illegal to feed or approach any wildlife in the park.*

### Explore Beyond Yosemite Valley

Wander through one of the park's giant sequoia groves, hike along a reservoir to a waterfall at Hetch Hetchy, or explore the peaks and meadows of the High Sierra.

### Become a Junior Ranger

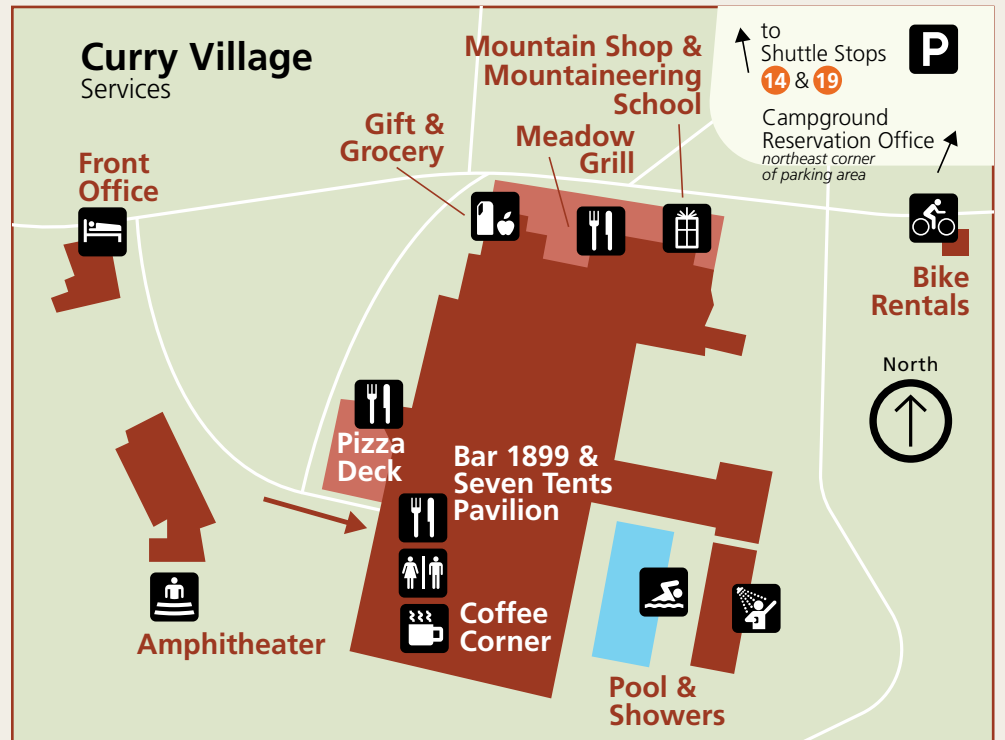
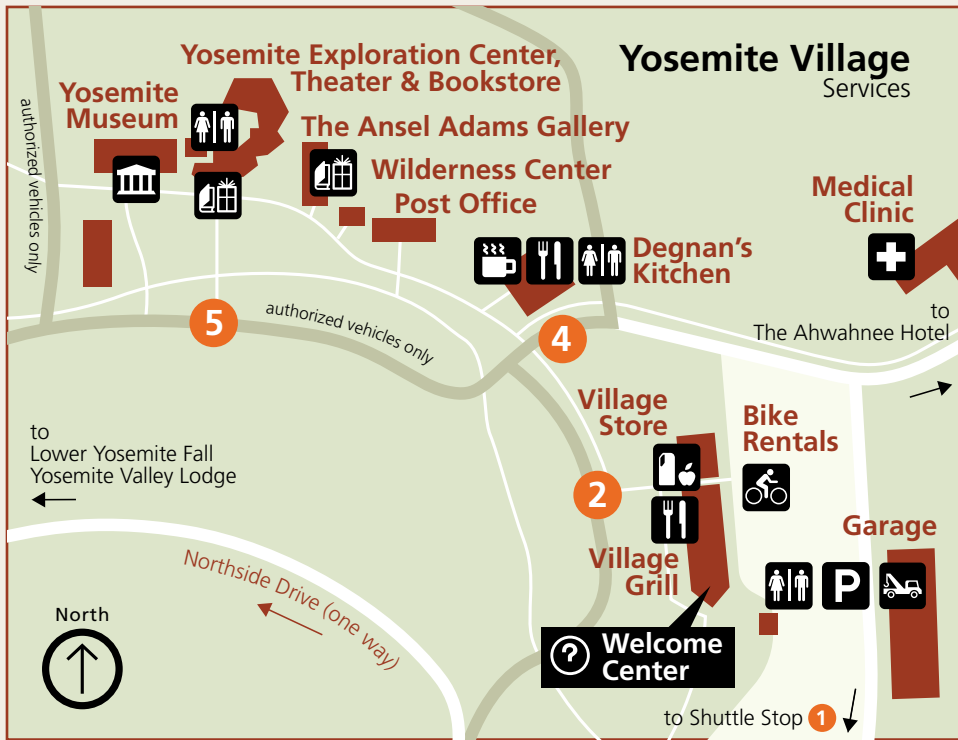
Earn your junior ranger badge! Pick up a free booklet at any open information center, or stop by the Junior Ranger Discovery Table between 2 pm and 4 pm daily (located outside the Exploration Center in Yosemite Village.)





# Services

## YOSEMITE VALLEY



### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

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

Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/2/4/5

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

Theater closed June 17. Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/2/4/5.

**Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 5 pm Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/2/4/5.

**Wilderness Center** 8 am – 5 pm Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/2/4/5.

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

Shuttle stop 16.

**Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)**

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

### OTHER SERVICES

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

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

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

Sat: 10 am – 12 pm. Shuttle stops 11/2/4/5.

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

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

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

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

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

**Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool** 11 am – 6 pm

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

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

**Curry Village Raft Rentals** 10 am – 4 pm (conditions permitting)

**Curry Village Pool** closed for renovation.

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

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

### BIKE RENTALS

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

**Curry Village Bike Stand** 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

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

## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

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

**Yosemite History Center** Open daily.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Lunch: 11 am – 3 pm, Dinner: 5 pm – 9 pm, Lounge Service: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

**Summer BBQ** Saturdays from 5 pm – 7 pm (also offered June 16 & July 4)

### OTHER SERVICES

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

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

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

**Golf Course** Golf: 8 am – 6 pm (Thurs – Mon.) Disc golf: 12 – 6 pm (Tu & W)

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand** 7 am – 6 pm

**Tennis Courts** 8 am – dusk

**Stable** Daily rides: 8:30 am, 11 am, 2:30 pm. All-day rides: 8 am (Thurs only.)

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

**Wawona Service Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

Propane available during staffed hours only.

## GLACIER POINT

**Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm. Small selection of gifts & snacks.

## TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Meadows services are expected to open by early or mid-June.

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** 9 am – 5 pm

**Parsons Memorial Lodge (opening mid-June)** 10 am – 4 pm

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center** 8 am – 5 pm

**Tuolumne Meadows Store** Reopening to be determined

**Tuolumne Meadows Grill** Reopening to be determined

## CRANE FLAT

**Big Oak Flat Information Station** 8 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Big Oak Flat Information Station)**

Open Fri – Tues, 9 am – 5 pm

**Crane Flat Gas & Grocery** 8 am – 5 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

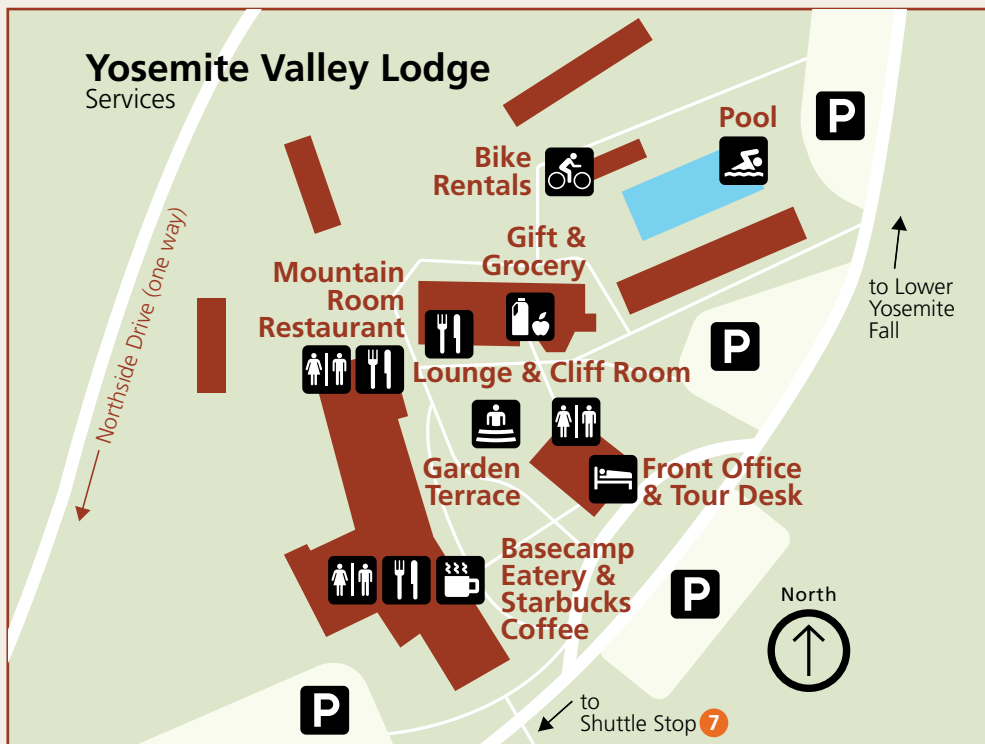
## EL PORTAL

**El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm

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

# Seasonal operating dates and hours are subject to change.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY



### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE** *shuttle stops 1/2/4/5*
  - The Ansel Adams Gallery** 9 am – 5 pm. Art, books, & gifts.
  - Yosemite Conservancy Store at Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm
  - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Exploration Center** 9 am – 5 pm
  - Yosemite Museum Store** 10 am – 5 pm, may close for lunch
  - Village Store** 8 am – 10 pm. Large selection of groceries & gifts.
- THE AHWAHNEE** *shuttle stop 3*
  - Gift Shop** 8 am – 9 pm
  - Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** *shuttle stop 7*
  - Gift Shop** 8 am – 10 pm
- CURRY VILLAGE** *shuttle stops 14 & 19*
  - Yosemite Mountain Shop** 8 am – 8 pm. Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
  - Curry Village Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 10 pm
- HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** *shuttle stop 12*
  - Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE** *shuttle stops 1/2/4/5*
  - Degnan's Kitchen** Breakfast: 7 am – 11 am, Lunch: 11:30 am – 6 pm. Coffee, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor & outdoor seating.
  - Village Grill** 11 am – 6 pm. Burgers, hot dogs, & more. Outdoor seating.
- CURRY VILLAGE** *shuttle stops 14 & 19*
  - Seven Tents Pavilion** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Casual dining with rotating menu of hearty meals. Indoor seating.
  - Peet's Coffee Corner** 6 am – 2 pm
  - Bar 1899** 11:30 am – 10 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
  - Pizza Deck** 11 am – 10 pm. Pizza whole or by the slice. Outdoor seating.
  - Taqueria @ Meadow Grill** 11 am – 8 pm. Tacos. Outdoor seating.
  - Jennie's Ice Cream** 11 am – 8:30 pm
- THE AHWAHNEE** *shuttle stop 3*
  - Coffee Bar** 6:30 am – 10:30 am
  - The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 11 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
  - Ahwahnee Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** *shuttle stop 7*
  - Base Camp Eatery** Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:45 am, Lunch & Dinner: 11 am – 9 pm. Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.
  - Starbucks Coffee** 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
  - Mountain Room Lounge** Mon – Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm, Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
  - Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 10 pm (last seating at 9:30 pm). Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Yosemite Community Church (The Chapel)** Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit [YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://YosemiteValleyChapel.org) for information.
- Sunday Services:** 9:15 am & 11 am.

### Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while

bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.

Due to these historic projects, Ahwahnee parking lot space has been reduced. Parking is valet only with a \$30 nightly charge, \$15 day-use or \$10 with validation. This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.

### Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: you can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including the Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store, and El Portal Market.

In alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the

National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.

### CAMPING & LODGING

#### CAMPING

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

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

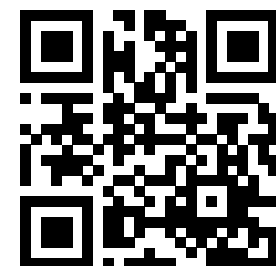
Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed at a registered campsite. Sleeping overnight in a parking lot or on the side of the road is **NOT** permitted.

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

#### LODGING

Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at [www.TravelYosemite.com](http://www.TravelYosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.

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

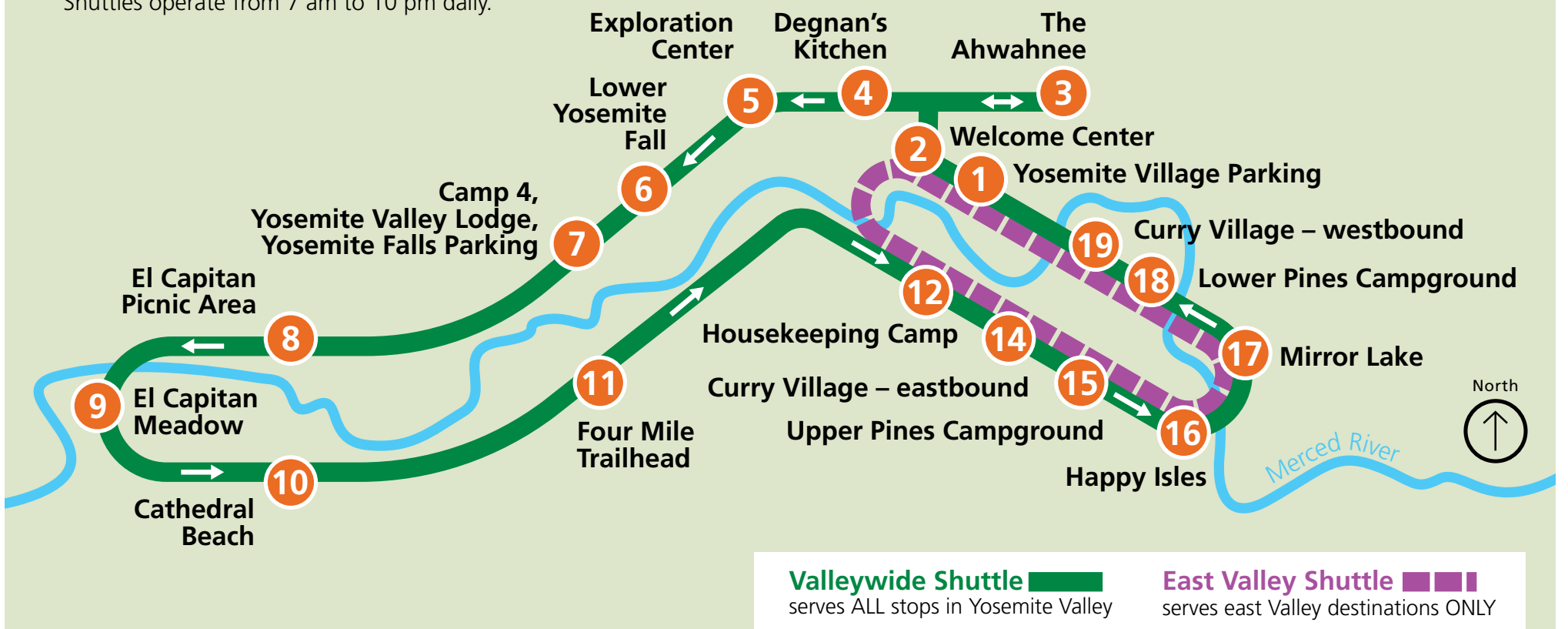




# Shuttles

## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Shuttles operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily.



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



### Valleywide Shuttle

**Serves ALL stops.** Runs approx. every 22 to 32 min. Total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 min.



### East Valley Shuttle

**Serves east Valley destinations ONLY.** Runs approx. every 18 to 22 min. Total round-trip time of 50 min.

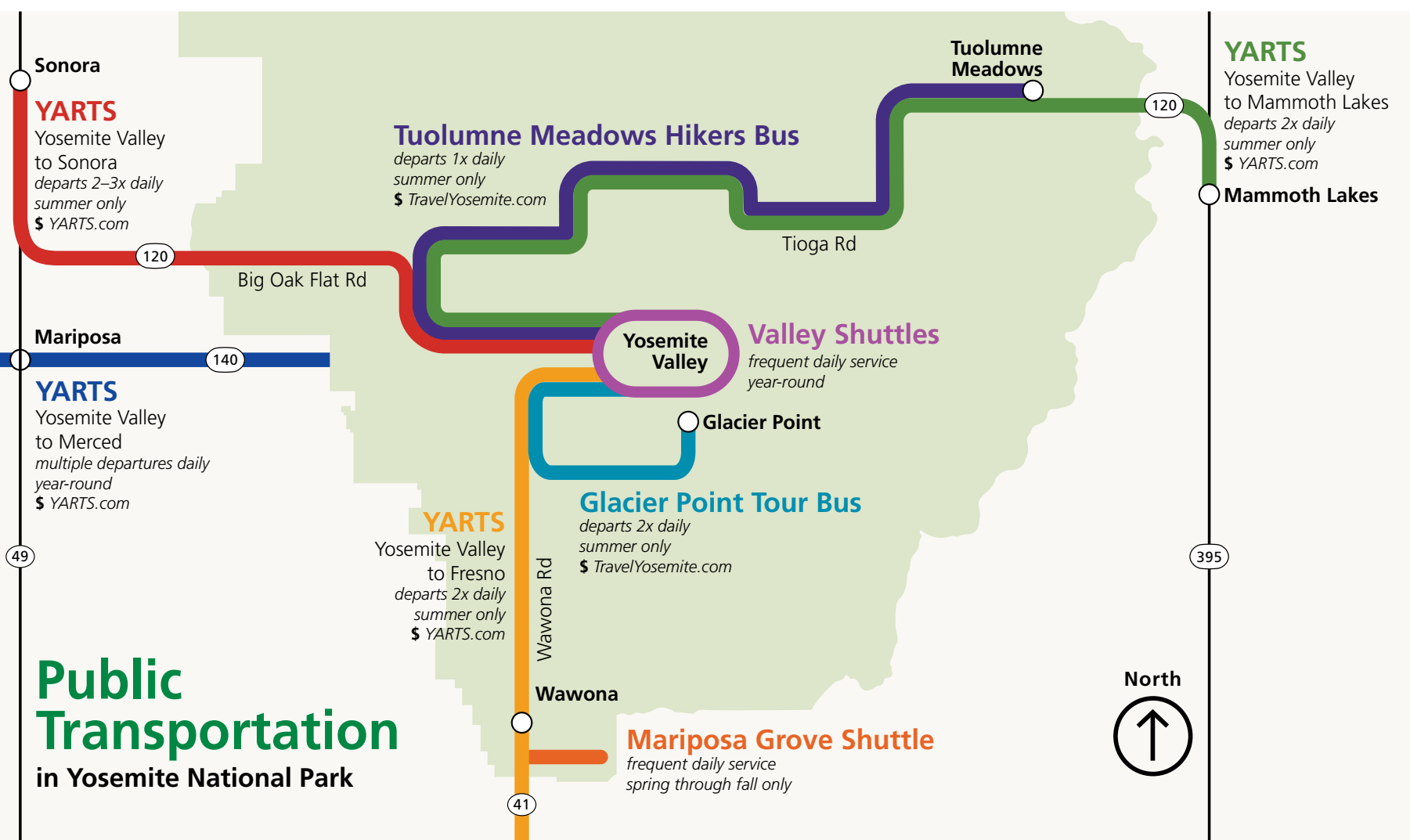


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## Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park



# Shuttle Stops in Yosemite Valley

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

## 1 Yosemite Village Parking

**ALL Shuttles.** Parking, welcome center, Village Store.

## 2 Welcome Center

**ALL Shuttles.** Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center & Theater, museum, wilderness center, post office, shopping, casual dining.

## 3 The Ahwahnee

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Lodging, casual & fine dining.

## 4 Degnan's Kitchen

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center & Theater, museum, wilderness center, post office, shopping, casual dining.

## 5 Exploration Center

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Exploration Center & Theater, museum, wilderness center, post office, shopping, casual dining.

## 6 Lower Yosemite Fall

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Trailheads, picnic area.

## 7 Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Parking, lodging, camping, trailheads, casual dining.

## 8 El Capitan Picnic Area

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Picnic area.

## 9 El Capitan Meadow

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Scenic area.

## 10 Cathedral Beach

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Picnic area.

## 11 Four Mile Trailhead

**Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.** Trailhead.

## 12 Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

**ALL Shuttles.** Lodging (seasonal), laundry (seasonal), exhibits & programs (seasonal).

## 14 Curry Village – eastbound

**ALL Shuttles.** Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal.)

## 15 Upper Pines Campground

**ALL Shuttles.** Pines campgrounds.

## 16 Happy Isles

**ALL Shuttles.** Trailhead, Art & Nature Center.

## 17 Mirror Lake

**ALL Shuttles.** Trailhead.

## 18 Lower Pines Campground

**ALL Shuttles.** Pines campgrounds.

## 19 Curry Village – westbound

**ALL Shuttles.** Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal.)



The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park.

Year-round service from Merced. Seasonal service from Sonora, Mammoth Lakes, and Fresno.

Buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS!

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



### Mariposa Grove Shuttle

Free shuttle service between Mariposa Grove parking (near Yosemite's South Entrance) and the front of the grove.

**Shuttles operate daily from 8 am to 7 pm** (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles pick up every 10 to 15 minutes.

*When shuttles are not operating, the Mariposa Grove can be accessed via a 2-mile hike on the Washburn Trail.*

### Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus

Scheduled drop-off and pickup for backpackers at Tioga Road trailheads. Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or a tour desk for schedule and tickets.

### Glacier Point Tour Bus

Book the full tour OR book a one-way ticket to Glacier Point and hike back down to Yosemite Valley. *Please note: there is NO transportation for hikers from Glacier Point back to the Valley.*

Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or a tour desk for schedule and tickets.



# Events & Programs

Time	Program	Host	Fee?	Reservations?
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## Yosemite Valley: Walks, Talks, & Tours

8:30 am – 9:30 am M, Tu, W	<b>Ranger Walk</b> Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
8:30 am – 9:30 am 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 7/11	<b>Pollinator Hotshots</b> Join a Ranger for a walk to look for some of our park pollinators and learn more about the important role they play in the ecosystem. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
9 am – 11 am Su, until 6/23	<b>Climber Coffee</b> Join climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet at Camp 4 near the registration kiosk.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
10:30 am – 11:30 am Tu & W*	<b>Discovery Walk</b> Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village.) *except 6/26 & 7/3.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm daily until 7/1	<b>Ask-a-Climber</b> Drop in to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Located on the west side of El Capitan bridge (near shuttle stop 9.)	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
2 pm – 3 pm M, F, Sa	<b>Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears</b> Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger. No bear sightings are expected. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village.)	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
3 pm – 4 pm daily	<b>Curry Village Historic Tour</b> Explore the exciting history of the Curry Village Historic District on this hour-long guided tour. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater. Shuttle stops 14 & 19.	YH	free	No; drop-in only
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Su, M, Tu, W, F, Sa	<b>Yosemite Nature Notes Short Films: Live with a Naturalist</b> Enjoy short films and a thought-provoking talk by a naturalist at the theater behind the Yosemite Exploration Center.	YC	free	No; drop-in only

## Yosemite Valley: Art & Photography Classes

9 am – 10:30 am Tu & Th	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	free	Required; visit AnselAdams.com
9 am – 12 pm W	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com
9 am – 10:30 am Tu & Sa starting 6/25	<b>Forest Art Walk</b> Explore the interconnected nature of art and observation within Yosemite Valley's landscape! Unleash your creativity and capture the beauty of forests in this meditative sketching and watercolor nature journaling class.	YC	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art
9 am – 1 pm weekdays	<b>Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as watercolors, printmaking, and acrylics. Check website for schedule and registration.	YC	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art
1 pm – 4 pm Sa	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com
1 pm – 5 pm M & Th	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com
1 pm – 5 pm Tu	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com
2 pm – 4 pm F	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Includes food & beverage. Meets at the Mountain Room Lounge.	YC	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art

## Yosemite Valley: Programs for Families

10 am – 11 am daily	<b>Junior Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center for an easy walk with kid-focused activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
11 am – 12 pm 1 pm – 2 pm 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm M, Tu, W, Th*	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4 - 11. *No classes on 6/19 & 7/4. Starting 7/5, classes are held 7 days a week.	YC	free	In-person registration only. Limited space.
11:30 am – 12:30 pm Th, starting 6/27	<b>Junior Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Exploration Center for an easy walk inside the center and a short walk outside with kid-focused activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
12 pm – 12:30 pm daily	<b>Nature in a Nutshell</b> Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center to learn more about the natural world.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm daily	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only

## Yosemite Valley & Glacier Point: Evening Programs

8 pm – 8:30 pm W, Th, F, Sa	<b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics on natural and cultural history. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater.	YH	free	No; drop-in only
8:30 pm – 10 pm nightly	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for a nature walk at night!	YH	\$	Required; tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com
9 pm – 10 pm Su, M, Tu, W, Th	<b>Glacier Point Starry Skies</b> Join a Yosemite Naturalist for a night of stargazing from atop iconic Glacier Point! Note: Transportation not included.	YH	\$	Required; tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com
9 pm – 11 pm Su, M, Tu, W, F, Sa	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Minimal light pollution makes Yosemite Valley a perfect place for stargazing! Learn about stars, planets, constellations, night sky lore, and more.	YC	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/adventures
7:30 pm – 9 pm select dates	<b>Evening Programs at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center</b> Programs presented by Sierra Club at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center in Yosemite Valley (shuttle stop 12.) Programs are free; no registration required. For more details, visit the Sierra Club website: <a href="http://SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center">SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center</a> <b>Friday, 6/14: Smokejumping the West</b> presented by Deanne Shulman, First Female Smokejumper <b>Saturday, 6/15 &amp; Friday, 6/21: Songs in the Key of Nature</b> presented by Michael Bryant, Robin Pliskin, and Susan Ballinger, Northern California Musicians <b>Saturday, 6/22: The Great Western Adventure without Deodorant: Thru-Hiking the PCT</b> presented by Connor McIntosh, thru-hiker <b>Friday, 6/28: Big Trees - Big Impact: Excerpts from the 5-hour PBS series</b> presented by Lee Terkelsen, retired teacher & documentary producer <b>Saturday, 6/29: A Trip Across the Range</b> presented by Lee Terkelsen, retired teacher & documentary producer			



Programs designed especially for children and their families.



Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.

NPS (National Park Service)  
YH (Yosemite Hospitality)




YC (Yosemite Conservancy)  
TAAG (The Ansel Adams Gallery)




Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) or the NPS app to view even more programs on the online calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.

Time	Program	Host	Fee?	Reservations?
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### Programs in Wawona & Mariposa Grove

9 am – 10 am W & Su	 <b>Coffee With a Ranger</b> Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with a ranger. Drop-ins welcome!	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
9:30 am – 11 am daily	<b>Nature Walk (Mariposa Grove)</b> Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (Allow time to ride the shuttle or hike two miles from parking to the Arrival Area.)	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
3 pm – 3:45 pm daily	 <b>Junior Ranger Walk</b> Meet at the visitor center (Hill's Studio) in Wawona. Recommended for ages 4 and up.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
7 pm – 8 pm W & Sa	 <b>Campfire Program</b> Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only

### Programs Near Crane Flat


11 am – 11:15 am daily	 <b>Ranger Talk</b> Join a ranger to learn more about Yosemite. Topics vary daily. Meet at the Tuolumne Grove trailhead.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
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### Programs in Tuolumne Meadows

Programs begin when the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center opens for the season.

7:30 am – 10 am W & Sa	<b>Bird Walk</b> with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lembert Dome Parking.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
9 am – 11 am Su, starting 7/7	<b>Climber Coffee</b> Join climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue, and more. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Store parking (if closed, meet at Lembert Dome parking.)	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
10 am – 12 pm Tu & Su	<b>Wildflower Walk</b> with a ranger naturalist. Take a walk in the high country and find what's blooming. Learn more than names. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Lembert Dome parking.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
11 am – 12 pm W	 <b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Topics vary. Meets at Parsons Memorial Lodge. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
11 am – 1 pm M & Th	<b>Domes &amp; Meadows</b> Take a closer look at Tuolumne Meadows' natural and cultural history with a Park ranger Naturalist. Topics vary. Meets at Parsons Lodge parking. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
11 am – 11:30 am 2 pm – 2:30 pm daily*	 <b>Story Time at Parsons Lodge</b> Sit and relax and listen to a ranger tell or read a story in the historic lodge. *Parsons Lodge is expected to open around mid-June.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
12 pm – 12:15 pm 3 pm – 3:15 pm daily	  <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm W	 <b>Tuolumne River Walk</b> Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
8 pm – 9 pm M, Tu, Th, F, Sa*	  <b>Campfire Program</b> Different topics each night. Meets at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. *Programs begin once the Lodge is open for the season.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
8:30 pm – 10 pm 7/1 ONLY	 <b>Stars Over Mono</b> Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Meets at South Tufa at Mono Lake, east of Yosemite. Allow 40 minutes to drive from Tuolumne Meadows to Mono Lake.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm Su & W*	 <b>Stars Over Tuolumne</b> Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Meets at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. *Programs begin once the Lodge is open for the season.	NPS	free	No; drop-in only

### Special Events & Programs

1 pm – 3 pm Thurs, 6/13	 <b>Artists' Reception for Sally Owens.</b> Join Sally Owens at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a reception for <i>Water + Color: Paintings by Sally Owens</i> . <i>Water + Color</i> runs June 9 through August 3.	TAAG	free	No; drop-in only
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## More Activities with Park Partners

#### Yosemite Hospitality

Find more information and book activities at [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com), or visit a Tour & Activity desk (turn to page 4 for hours and locations.)

#### Guided Bus/Tram Tours

Valley Floor Tour: Led by a naturalist or park ranger. Tours depart at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, & 5:30 pm.

#### Mountaineering School

Learn to rock climb, or join an expert guide on a hike or overnight backpacking trip. Stop by the office at Curry Village, open 8:30 am to 12 pm, & 1 to 4:30 pm.

**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. *Through June 22 only.*

#### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village. *Turn to page 5 for hours.* Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes require reservations; call **209/372-4413** or visit [AnselAdams.com/photography-education](https://AnselAdams.com/photography-education).

#### Gallery Exhibitions:

*Water + Color: Paintings by Sally Owens.* June 9 through August 3

#### Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Explore our website ([Yosemite.org](https://Yosemite.org)) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

Learn more and sign up for Outdoor Adventures: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures)

#### Custom Adventures

Plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: [Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

#### Yosemite Bike Share

Use the free Yosemite Bike Share program for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for iOS or Android in advance. Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations: Yosemite Village Parking and Yosemite Falls Parking (across the road from Camp 4.)

#### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (shuttle stop 12) is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner.

For more information, call **209/372-4542** or visit the Sierra Club website: [SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](https://SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center)



# Trails



Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias)



Nevada Fall (Yosemite Valley)

## What You Need to Know

### Safety & Regulations



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

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

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



#### **Proper food storage is required by law.**

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



#### **View wildlife from a distance.**

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



#### **Ask a ranger about trail conditions.**

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



#### **Stay hydrated.**

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



#### **Hiking at high elevation can be difficult.**

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



#### **Be prepared for changing conditions.**

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



#### **Stay on the trail.**

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



#### **Pack it out.**

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



#### **Leave behind what you find.**

It is illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park.

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



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

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

All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2024 hiking season.

Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/WildPermits) to learn how to obtain a permit reservation.

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

#### **Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center**

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### **Big Wall Climbing Permits**

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

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

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### **Big Oak Flat Information Station**

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### **Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily, *when Tioga Road is open*

#### **Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily



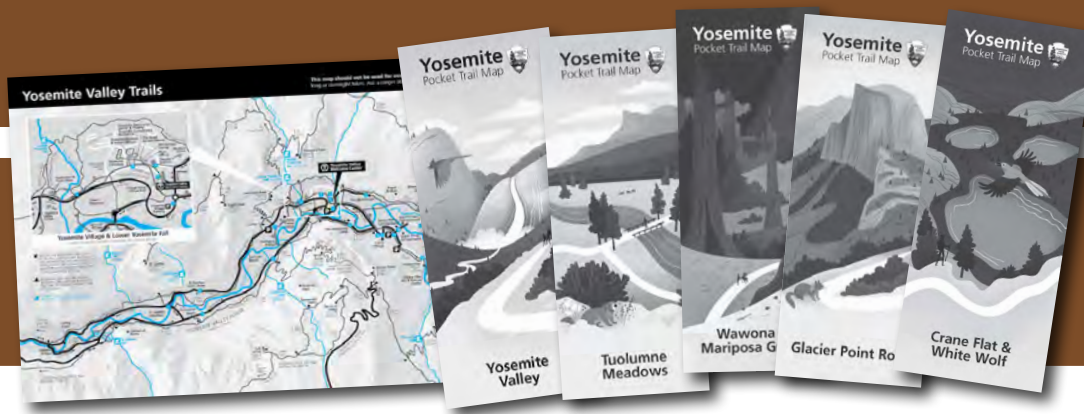
### **Hiking Half Dome**

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

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

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

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## Trails in Yosemite Valley

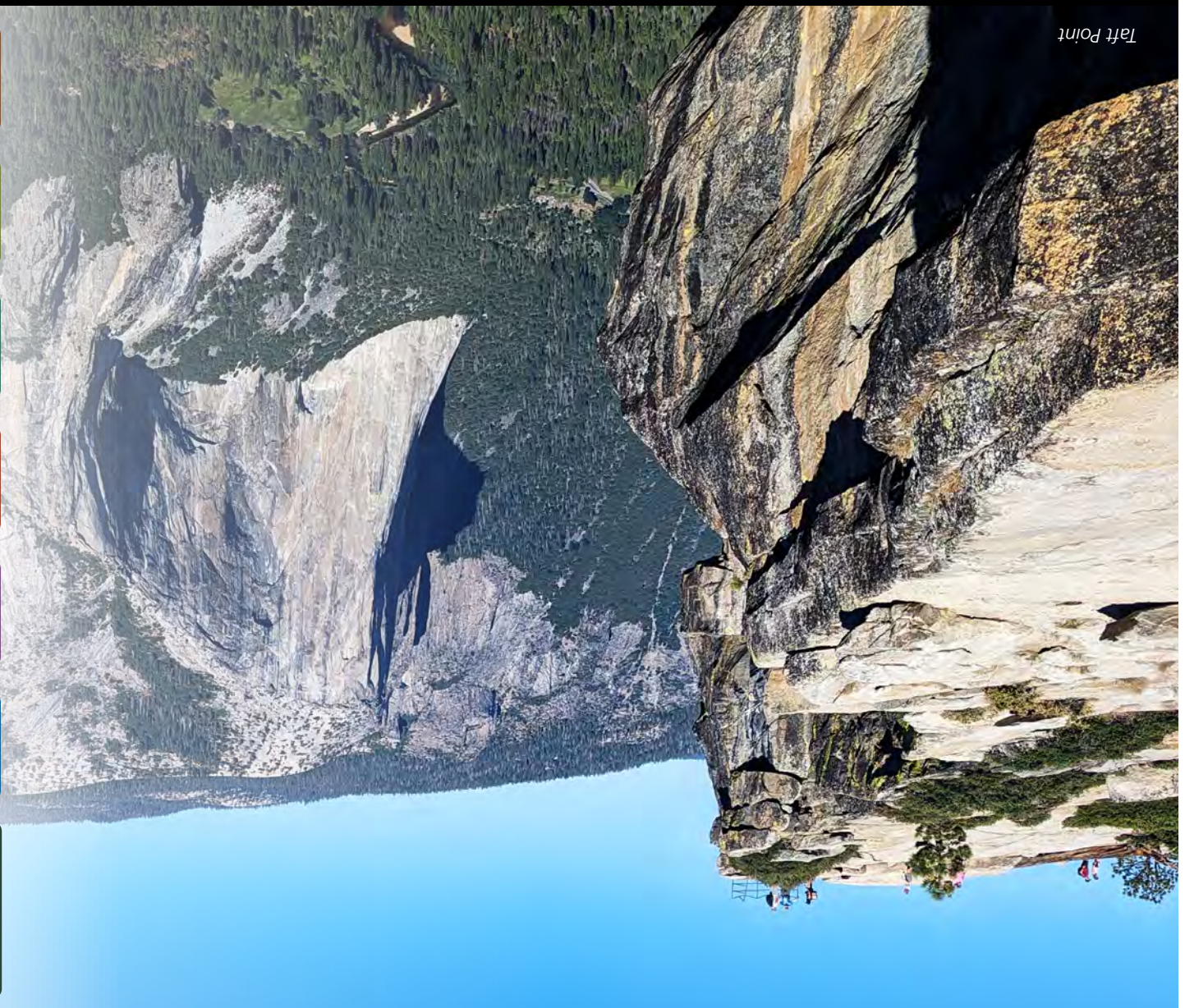
Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
<b>Shorter Walks &amp; Hikes</b>		
<b>BRIDALVEIL FALL</b> Take a short stroll to the base of Bridalveil Fall. A gentle incline leads to a wheelchair-accessible viewing area, while a steeper path climbs closer to the base of the fall. <i>Stay behind barriers.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

## Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
<b>MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Take the free shuttle (8 am to 7 pm) from the parking area to the Grove Arrival Area. From here, enjoy a casual stroll on the wheelchair-accessible 0.3-mile Big Trees Loop, or hike one mile (each way) to the Grizzly Giant. Beyond the Grizzly Giant, explore several additional miles of trails; for details, pick up a free trail map at an information center, or check maps posted at the Grove.	varies	Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza & Parking Area (South Entrance, one hour from Yosemite Valley)
<b>TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Hike one mile down to this smaller, more secluded grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley near Crane Flat. A short nature trail loops through the grove.	2.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) gain on return	Tuolumne Grove Trailhead, near Crane Flat
<b>MERCED GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Hike 1.5 miles down to Yosemite's smallest and least-visited sequoia grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Visit a small cluster of sequoias and a historic cabin.	3 mi (4.8 km) round-trip, 520 ft (160 m) gain on return	Merced Grove Trailhead, on Big Oak Flat Road
<b>WAWONA MEADOW LOOP</b> Enjoy a scenic loop around the meadow on an unpaved fire road. <i>Bicycles and leashed pets are permitted.</i>	3.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, mostly flat, but terrain may be uneven	Meadow Loop Trailhead, across the road from the Wawona Hotel
<b>HETCH HETCHY &amp; WAPAMA FALLS</b> Follow the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge may close when water levels are dangerously high.	5 mi (8 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) elevation gain	Hetch Hetchy (trail begins across the dam)

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

Wheelchair-accessible trail.



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# Yosemite Guide

