

Yosemite Guide



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RL_01868 Kathryn McFarland and Ann Morris. Model T buried in snow in front of the Sentinel Hotel, Yosemite Valley.

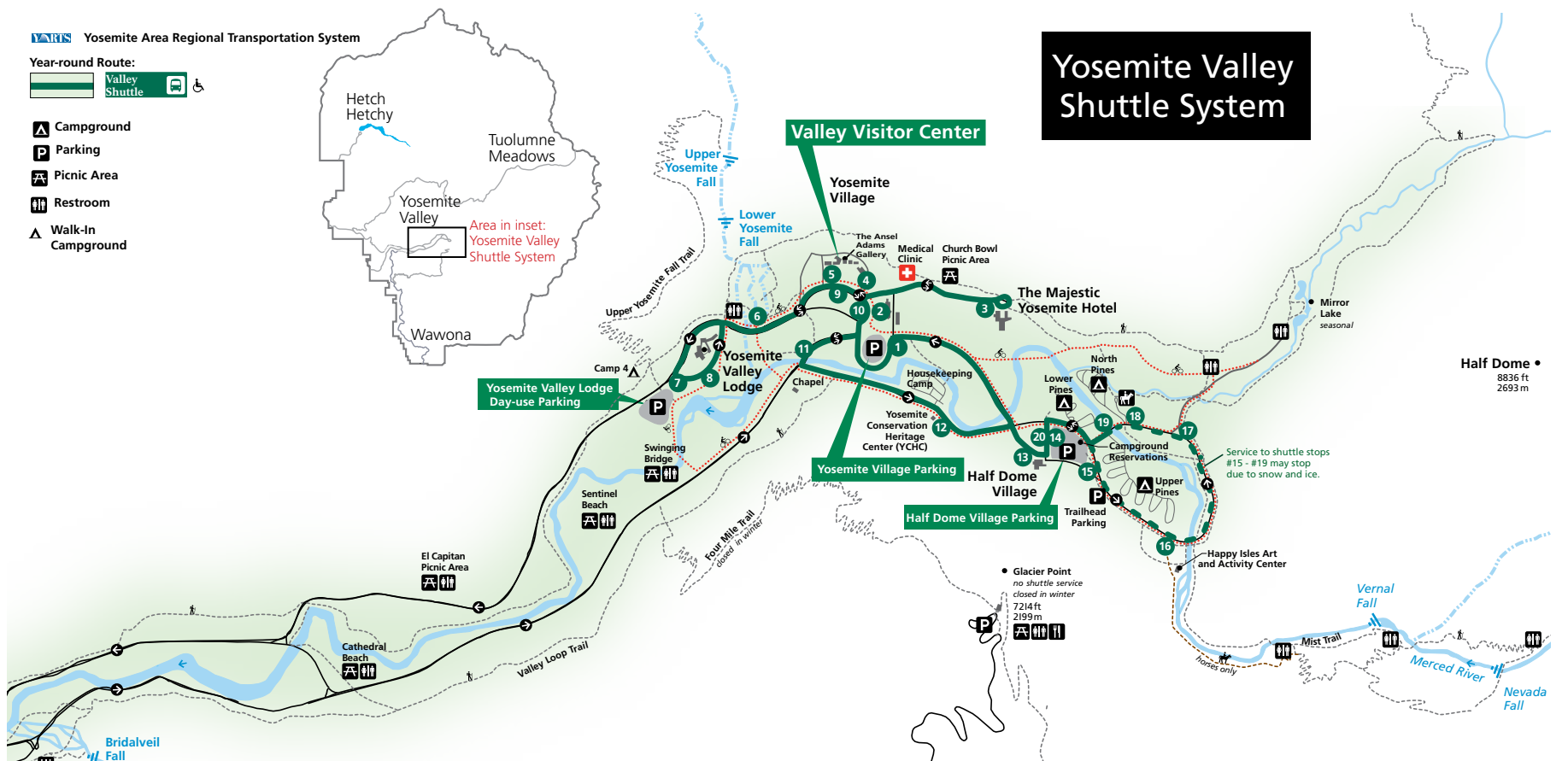
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The Yosemite Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day. See schedule posted at shuttle stops. *In the event of snow and ice, busses may suspend service to shuttle stops #15 - #19.*

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	7	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking
2	10 Yosemite Village	8	Yosemite Valley Lodge	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail
3	Yosemite Valley Lodge	9	The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
4	Degnan's Kitchen	10	YCHC / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campgrounds
5	9 Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	11	Half Dome Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	12	Half Dome Village Parking		

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Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite



Winter Sports

CRANE FLAT SNOW PLAY AREA

A snow play area is open at Crane Flat Campground in winter when enough snow is present. Please do not sled in or onto roadways!

YOSEMITE SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA

The Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) opens on December 14, conditions permitting. Live information on winter sports is available by calling (209) 372-8430; recorded information is available at (209)372-1000. See pg. 6 for hours of operation.

YSSA A-FRAME

Open 9am to 4pm, seven days a week when the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) is open. Wilderness permits for the Glacier Point area, Ostrander Ski Hut check-in and crosscountry ski trail information available. It's also the starting point for ranger led snowshoe walks. (Open as conditions permit.)

YSSA SHUTTLE (Free)

The free shuttle service to and from the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) begins December 14, weather and road conditions permitting. The YSSA shuttle arrival and departure times are subject to change due to traffic and weather conditions.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Departing Yosemite Valley to YSSA:
Half Dome Village - 8:05am & 10:35am
Yosemite Village - 8:10am & 10:40am
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel - 8:15am & 10:45am
Yosemite Valley Lodge - 8:30am & 11am

Departing YSSA to Yosemite Valley:
Depart YSSA at 2pm and 4:30pm

ICE SKATING

Take the shuttle to Half Dome Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. The ice rink hours, conditions permitting, are Monday-Friday, 3:30 to 6pm, and 7 to 9:30pm, weekends

open noon to 2:30pm in addition to weekday hours, and holidays open 8:30am to 11am, in addition to weekend hours. Private party rental available during weekday mornings.

WALKING AND HIKING

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities throughout the year. Stop by Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and more information about weather and current trail conditions.

Programs and Guided Adventures

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite's natural and cultural history, every day. See page 5 for scheduled programs. Snowshoe walks are dependent on weather, road, and snow conditions. For additional information, check local listings at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and at any Tours & Activity Desks. (See pg. 6 for locations.)

TOURS

The Valley Floor Tour is a two-hour, guided tour of Yosemite Valley. It departs several times daily from Yosemite Valley Lodge, weather permitting. Call (209) 372-1240 or inquire at any Tour & Activity Desk (see pg. 6 for locations).

ADVENTURE OUT WITH YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

We provide outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for Nordic skiers and snowshoe trips. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yms@aramark.com.

TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Enjoy the beauty of winter in Yosemite. Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery and learn how to best capture the landscape. Several classes are offered weekly. Custom photography guides available upon request. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ADVENTURES

Experience winter in the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:

- Dec 22 *Full Moon Hike in Mariposa Grove*
- Dec 23 *Day Hike in Mariposa Grove*
- Jan 26 *Snowshoe Yosemite: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias*
- Feb 2 *Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vistas atop Dewey Point*
- Feb 9 *Snowshoe Yosemite: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias*
- Feb 21-24 *Yosemite Photography: Horsetail Fall and Winter Landscapes*
- Mar 2 *Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vistas atop Dewey Point*

To learn more and/or to sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317 ext 10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite.

Outside Yosemite Valley

PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is open throughout the year.

TUOLUMNE GROVE

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 mature sequoias is near the Big Oak Flat and Tioga road intersection at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water in the area so be sure to bring drinking water with you.

MERCED GROVE

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

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.

For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.



Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt), VP: (209) 222-3944, or at yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred.



Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

ENTRANCE FEES

Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days
(No per-person fee)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$30/motorcycle

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

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

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for 1 year at all federal recreation sites.

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

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

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

Interagency Military Pass (Free)
(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

RESERVATIONS

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
888/413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com

Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481

REGIONAL INFO

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

HIGHWAY 120 WEST
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

HIGHWAY 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

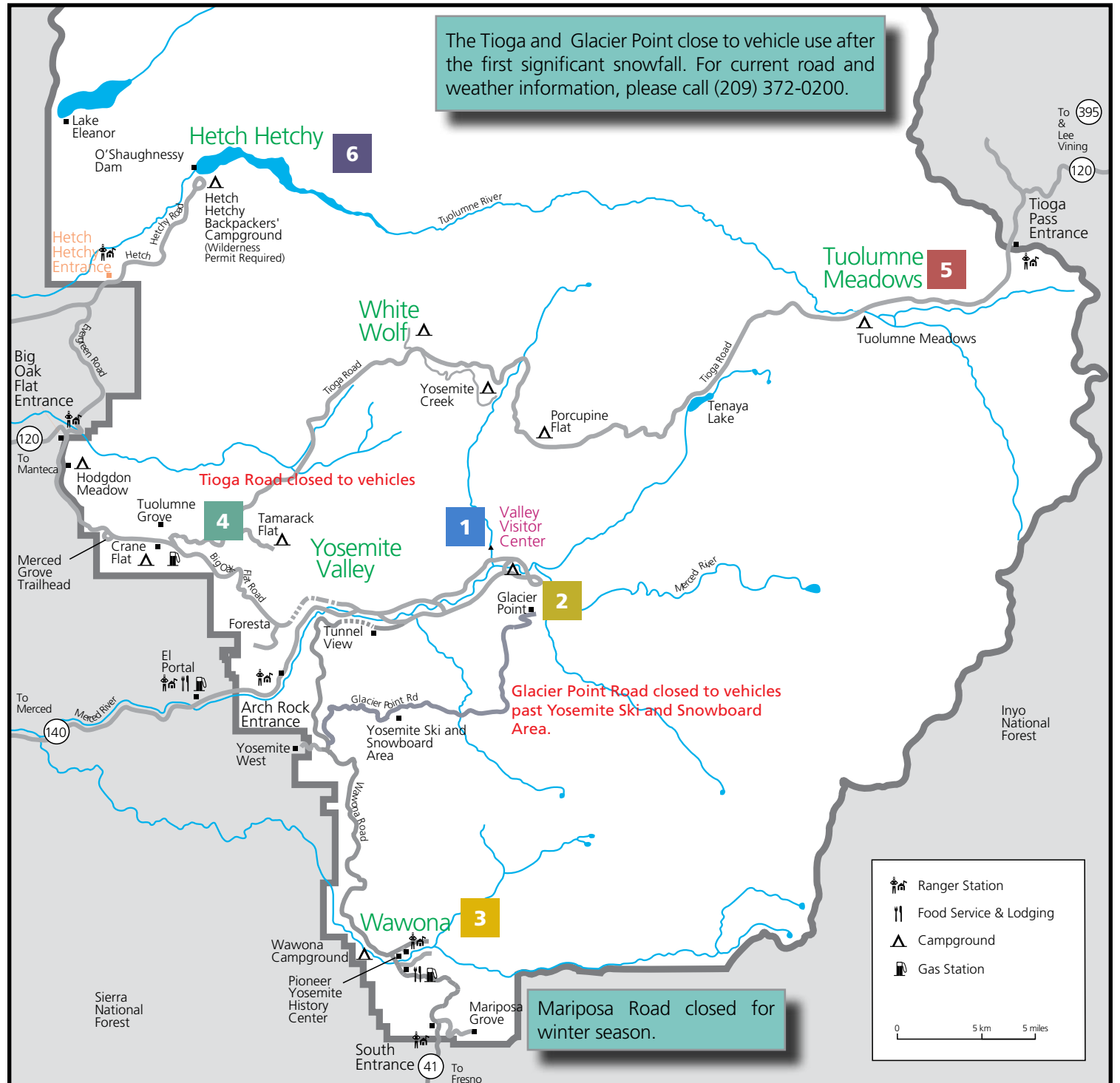
HIGHWAY 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

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

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

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

HIGHWAY 120 EAST
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com



Winter Weather and Driving in Yosemite

In the event of heavy rainfall, road conditions may become hazardous, especially in areas recently burned by the Ferguson Fire. The risk of rockfalls, debris flows, and mudslides increases after a fire, mainly because of vegetation loss and increased runoff. High-risk areas for rock falls and debris flows are located within burned areas along the Highway 140 and 41 corridors. Be aware, drive cautiously, and obey posted signs and closures.

Chain Control Information:

Winter road conditions through Yosemite National Park may require tire chains. It is possible that your route will take you from an elevation of 3,000 feet up to an elevation of 7,000 feet in just a few miles, and road conditions can vary widely with the terrain. For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call (209) 372-0200.

You are required to have and carry chains or traction devices in your vehicle any time you see a "Chains Required" sign. Speed limit is 25 MPH. Signs will indicate when chains must be installed on your tires. Here is a short explanation of chain control signs on Yosemite roads.



R1 - This sign indicates that all vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install traction devices. Vehicles that have mud and snow tires do not need to have traction devices on but must carry chains. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one trailer axle.



R2 - This sign indicates that chains or traction devices must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles do not need traction devices installed but must have 4-wheel drive engaged.



R3 - This sign indicates that ALL vehicles are required to install traction devices, regardless of having mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

*Mud and snow tires are commonly indicated by an "M+S" icon on the side of the tire.

*Be sure to install traction devices on the drive axle of your vehicle.

Yosemite Valley

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

Glacier Point Road

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. *Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area after the first significant snowfall.* When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

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

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

5 The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. *The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15.* The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 5pm through March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Yosemite Valley in Winter. Photo by Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Photo



Snow at Wawona's covered bridge. Photo by Christine White Loberg



Tenaya Lake. NPS Photo



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Photo

Yosemite Valley

Information, Art, and Exhibits



Gates of the Valley, Winter

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. They are located west of the main post office, near shuttle stops #5 and #9. The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half-hour beginning at 9:30am, except on Sundays when the first showing is at noon. The last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns' Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit plays on the hour and The Spirit of Yosemite plays on the half-hour, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Explore the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Visit with Indian Cultural Demonstrators and see demonstrations of traditional skills such as stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, flutes, etc. Open daily from 9am – 5pm. May close for lunch.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts and jewelry. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily 9am to 5pm, 10am to 5pm beginning January 1
Will close at 3pm December 24
Closed December 25

EXHIBIT

November 30 – January 5
Unexpected Landscapes - Photographs by Ted Orland

Ted Orland is a California photographer and writer who exhibits his artwork nationally. His work is in the permanent collection of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Orland received a degree in Industrial Design from University of Southern California in 1963; in 1966 he first visited Yosemite where he enrolled as a student in Ansel Adams' Summer Workshop.

By 1972 Orland had become Ansel's top photographic assistant and right hand man - during that time he also developed influential working relationships with program alumni David Bayles and Sally Mann.

Orland began his photography career in a rather conventional manner, shooting in a similar fashion to Adams. Though, as his own style evolved, Orland diverged from the lessons he learned. He moved from classic large-format landscape photography to hand-painted black and white photographs, covering a much wider range of subject matter. He began developing a body of work that often relied on hints of satire, mythology and irony from his subjects, as well as cross-pollinating processes such as contemporary printing techniques veneered with hand-tinted oils more popular during Yosemite's infancy. To categorize his work simply as landscape, or 'of Yosemite' in any traditional sense, falls far short of the mark. For many years he used a small plastic Holga "toy" camera and was an early convert to myriad forms of digital media. This adoption of technology allowed him to push the boundaries of the conventional fine art photograph; requiring him to work slow and late into the night, saving each image before bed, only to have the computer finish processing his request just as he returned to the studio the following morning. If anything is true of Orland's photographs, it is that they are unique in approach, constantly in flux, incomparable and impossible to ignore.

It is now known Ted Orland took the first computer-based photographic images of Yosemite in the early 1980s and in accordance with his abilities, he became

the first recipient of an Artist-in-Residency for Yosemite National Park. Opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on November 30th, 2018 "Unexpected Landscapes - Photographs by Ted Orland" will exhibit works from throughout the artist's career, featuring images from Yosemite and locales farther afield. A reception for the artist will be held at the gallery on December 1st from 3-5 in the afternoon. We hope to see you there!

NEW EXHIBIT

January 6 – February 16

Apricity - Photographs by Keith Walklet

Winter is so often maligned for its bitterness, its cold, and darkness. For former Yosemite resident and photographer, Keith S. Walklet, those characteristics are the source of much of its beauty. Rather than dreading its arrival, Keith feels the the season is one to celebrate for its atmospheric complexity, its stark beauty and the contrast between its warm light and cool temperatures. In and of itself, Winter is a source of comfort, inspiration and solace.

Walklet, who headed public relations and interpretive services for the concession in Yosemite for nearly a decade in the 1990s, has documented Yosemite's hiemal season since his fateful arrival in 1984. In that year, he had set off on a motorcycle to explore the contiguous U.S. and Alaska. By the time he reached California, he had tracked a three month path across the continent; a total of 18,000 miles of journey and intrigue. Chance (and mechanical failure) found him stranded in this place called Yosemite, where he ended up trading the daily commute (from Connecticut to New York City) of his former life, for a job that let him live and work in Ansel Adams' former playground.

Showing at the Ansel Adams Gallery from January 6th to February 16th, 2019, "Apricity (n.) the warmth of the winter sun" will feature a diverse selection of iconic images by Mr. Walklet which capture the drama and energy of a winter storm, the details of delicate ice formations, and the creatures that thrive in frozen landscapes. The gallery will host a reception for the artist on February 9th from 1-3pm. So please come on by to get in out of the cold and enjoy the warmth of these great images.



Events and Programs

Schedule

	YOSEMITE VALLEY	WAWONA
SUNDAY	<p>9:00am Adventure Hike – Dewey Point Snowshoe 6.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. YSSA Nordic Center. (YH) \$</p> <p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Merced Meanders 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Program (Except Jan 20) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>9:00am Day Hike in Mariposa Grove (Dec 23 Only) 7 hrs. Enjoy a day hike of guided exploration in Yosemite's largest giant sequoia grove. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures (YC) \$</p>
MONDAY	<p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera photography class (Except Dec 24) 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Program (Except Jan 21) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</p> </div>
TUESDAY	<p>9:00am Camera Walk (Except Dec 25) 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:30am Snowshoe Walk - Explore the Forest in Winter (Jan 29 Only) 2 hrs. Conditions permitting, meet at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Ranger Office A-frame for a naturalist tour of the winter landscape. Bring warm clothing; Snowshoes provided. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class (Except Dec 25) 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>5:30pm Evening Program Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. <i>The Big Trees Lodge opens Dec. 14 and closes Jan. 1</i></p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>9:00am Adventure Hike – Dewey Point Snowshoe 6.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area Nordic Center. (YH) \$</p> <p>10:30am Snowshoe Walk - Explore the Forest in Winter (Jan 30 Only) 2 hrs. Conditions permitting, meet at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Ranger Office A-frame for a naturalist tour of the winter landscape. Bring warm clothing; Snowshoes provided. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Inspiring Generations 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>5:30pm Evening Program Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. <i>The Big Trees Lodge opens Dec. 14 and closes Jan. 1</i></p>
THURSDAY	<p>9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:30am Snowshoe Walk - Explore the Forest in Winter (Jan 31 Only) 2 hrs. Conditions permitting, meet at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area Ranger Office A-frame for a naturalist tour of the winter landscape. Bring warm clothing; Snowshoes provided. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Trees 1.5 hrs. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (Except Dec 20) 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>5:30pm Evening Program Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. <i>The Big Trees Lodge opens Dec. 14 and closes Jan. 1</i></p>
FRIDAY	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk -Discover Yosemite 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Film - Ansel Adams 1hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>5:30pm Evening Program Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. <i>The Big Trees Lodge opens Dec. 14 and closes Jan. 1</i></p>
SATURDAY	<p>8:00am Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vistas atop Dewey Point (Feb 2 Only) 8 hrs. Enjoy winter views high above the Valley during a full-day adventure with a naturalist guide. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) \$</p> <p>9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Program (Except Jan 19) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$</p>	<p>9:00am Snowshoe Yosemite: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (Jan 26 Only) 6 hrs. Join an expert naturalist to experience winter in an awe-inspiring setting. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) \$</p> <p>5:00pm Full Moon Hike in Mariposa Grove (Dec 22 only) 6 hrs. Spend an evening exploring Yosemite's newly restored Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias with an expert naturalist. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) \$</p> <p>5:30pm Evening Program Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. <i>The Big Trees Lodge opens Dec. 14 and closes Jan. 1</i></p>

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use



Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Self-registration permits are available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and the Big Oak Flat Information Station. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail starting November 12, 2018. To make a reservation by phone, call 209/372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, www.yosemiteconservancy.org, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendofyosar.org

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads are available at the Visitor Center daily from 9am to 5pm. Bear canisters are also available for rent at the bookstore. For more information on wilderness travel and safety please see page 8.

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Wawona and Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

BIG OAK FLAT

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads only are available on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

GLACIER POINT

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area A-Frame.

HETCH HETCHY

Wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Bear canisters are also available for rent.

Half Dome Permit Information

The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put back up May 24, 2019 conditions permitting. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for 2019 permits begins March 1, 2019 and ends March 31, 2019. To apply for permits visit recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>.

Camping

Upper Pines, Camp 4, Wawona, and Hodgdon Meadow are open year-round. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at nps.gov/yose. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

In Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley, reservations are required summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time.

Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

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

Call Center Hours:

7am to 7pm Pacific time
(November through February)
7am to 9pm Pacific time (March through October)

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33"d x 45"w x 18"h). See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available in Yosemite Valley.
- There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

*Trails may be closed due to unsafe conditions. Ask a ranger for current conditions and heed all warning and closure signs!

Protecting yourself...



Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

A SEASON OF TRANSITION

What will Yosemite's weather be like this time of year? The short answer is: no one knows! This is a season of transition so you can experience several weather extremes in just one day. In other words, be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation. No matter the weather, this is an exciting season at Yosemite as we begin to witness the fall transition into winter. In order to enjoy Yosemite safely, a little planning is important. Your starting point is acknowledging that you are responsible for your safety. Following are a few tips to ensure that your Yosemite visit is safe and fun!

SUNLIGHT

With winter comes shorter days, always carry a flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries when you take to the trail in the event of a longer than anticipated return.

WEATHER

Snow can accumulate even at Valley locations into late spring. Your best approach to the weather: check the latest forecast but always be prepared for all extremes. Dress in layers so that you can adjust to weather changes. Weather in mountainous climates, like Yosemite, varies drastically depending on elevation with temperatures cooling by as much as five degrees for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain; a moderate rain in the Valley can be a white-out blizzard with just a short drive or hike.

NAVIGATION

Snow blanketed terrain can quickly cause disorientation. Winter specific trails are marked with blaze. Always keep at least one

marker or reference point in sight. Carry a good map and compass (or GPS) and always know your location.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rain and melting snow fill our rivers and streams so flow velocity is high. It is beautiful to witness but moving water is deceptive and deadly. Currents are too forceful for the strongest swimmers to survive even a shallow water plunge. Waters that appear still and green can have powerful unseen currents. In short, stay away from streambanks where a simple slip can have disastrous consequences and never attempt a water crossing except in safe and designated areas.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Weather is unpredictable and changes quickly and this affects our Park's roads. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 +1+1 for current conditions and restrictions. Be aware of changing conditions such as moisture freezing on the road surface or remaining frozen in shadows even while other surfaces have thawed. Carry tire chains – they may be required on short notice.

YOSEMITE'S TRAILS

Know before you go! Some trails and trail segments may be closed due to weather or other hazards, check ahead with a visitor center during business hours and obey all signage. All trails can be icy or wet—use tools that are helpful to you! Trekking poles, crampons or other footwear traction can help with preventing a serious fall. Check the latest weather forecast to stay prepared.

FOR ALL SEASONS

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

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and

difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals, including humans. To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include fever, chills, nausea, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: USING YOUR BACKWOODS BATHROOM

When nature calls, make sure you are at least 200 feet away from any water source. Dig a hole in dirt at least 6 inches deep so you're able to bury your waste—your toilet paper gets packed out with you. Don't bury it or try to burn it! If you are in snow and can't dig a hole to soil you are expected to pack out your waste as well.

...and Yosemite



Coyote in snow. Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney

Keep Bears Wild

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

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

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



DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT

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

IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

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

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

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

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

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit, be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite National Park is reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management operations.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reuseable containers before you leave home.
2. Use refillables! Bring a refillable water bottle and travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash and recycling in the right containers.



Through the Lens of History

Story by Park Archivists Paul Rogers, Jessica Bitter, and Jamie Shriver



Image 1: RL_07413 Tioga Pass area. In front - L to R: John Moore and Don Doig, Mgr. Touring Dept., Auto Club of Southern California. In back: A. B. Asher and E. B. Johnson, all of Auto Club - LA. [Slide: 201-SL09-1163].

Yosemite National Park is delighted to report a large milestone on the Yosemite Archives' photograph digitization project. The history of researcher access to these photographs is almost as fascinating as the very history the photographs document. Originally, the park's archives were located in the attic of the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Valley and was called the "Records Center." Staff and researchers obtained access by going to the Research Library, which moved to the second floor of the Yosemite Museum in 1967. Over the course of decades, photocards were created by the park staff which contained all known documentation about a given image with the print adhered to the card. These cards were organized by subject and researchers would patiently flip through drawers of cards to find an image. The negatives were moved from the Research Library to cold storage in the park's archives in El Portal in 2016. Cold storage is a preservation technique to extend the life of film.

In 2018, the Yosemite Archives was awarded a grant from Yosemite Conservancy to digitize historic negatives in the collections and make them accessible online for use by both park staff and the public. The photocards were moved from the Research Library to the Archives in 2018 when the project was initiated to facilitate data entry from the cards as the negatives were scanned. There are many steps in-

involved in making these images available to the wider world, and thus far the grant has allowed the Yosemite Archives to research the copyright status of 8,000 images and digitally catalog the associated documentation on the photocards. This data about the images is what information professionals refer to as 'metadata'. The digital catalog enables the attachment of metadata to its respective digital image, allowing researchers to access both the photographs and associated metadata in one tidy package; just like an online photocard! Negatives are scanned only if copyright research reveals that they are in the public domain or are orphaned works. "Orphaned work" is a status of images with very little documentation that require

due diligence to determine the creator and status. As a result of the Yosemite Conservancy grant, over 6,500 images are now available online at NPGallery (<https://npgallery.nps.gov/yose>). On the website, researchers will find a drop-down menu that replicates the original subject organization of the photocards. Anyone can search the entire database, or use these classifications to help narrow the search to a specific subject. All of the images were scanned at high resolution and may be downloaded for free. Although there is no need to contact the Yosemite Archives for permission to use these public images, a citation acknowledging the park is the custodian of these images is expected. If phase two of the project is funded, the

Yosemite Archives will continue adding historic images to NPGallery for the public to browse and use.

The historic photographs of Yosemite National Park being available online represents the outstanding effort being made to make Yosemite's most beautiful, awe-inspiring, and sometimes funny, historic images, a resource that can be viewed easily and remotely by visitors around the world. Researchers can now find historic images with just a click of a button; a far cry from thumbing through dozens of drawers!

Many visitors are already finding that these images are fun to peruse and explore from home. As a result of these images being available online, there's been a growing trend of visitors taking modern shots of the park mirroring the views featured in one of the many historic photographs, and posting the modern versus historic photographic comparison on social media. Yosemite would love to see your modern retakes! Visitors should feel proud to express their creativity and show their love of Yosemite by sharing their photo comparisons with us on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram using #YosemiteArchives and #YosemiteFindYourArchives. However you decide to use these images, we hope you enjoy them as much as we do!



RL_02956 Yosemite Valley from Wawona Tunnel in winter. Photographer Ralph H. Anderson.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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



Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

The Ansel Adams Gallery



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

Yosemite Hospitality LLC



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

NatureBridge



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

Yosemite Conservancy



Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided \$119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

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



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:

- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

Lose Something in Yosemite?

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



Raven, Photo by Karen Kroner Amstutz