

## Services

Not mentioned elsewhere are services you may need during your stay:

**Baby Sitting**—Please ask at the desk of hotel where you're staying; at Curry Village, there is a day camp for children 2-7 years.

**Barber/Beauty Shops**—In the Village Store.

**Bicycles**—Rentals from Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village Housekeeping.

**Church Services**—Most denominations during summer. Hours posted on bulletin boards.

**Credit cards**—BankAmericard, Master Charge accepted at most hotels, stores, shops, etc.

**Dentist**—At Lewis Memorial Hospital, 372-4200.

**Doctor**—At Lewis Memorial Hospital, 372-4240.

**Fishing**—Licenses, tackle—Village Store, Yosemite Lodge Shop. Bill Jones, an expert angler, fishing guide and fly casting instructor will be glad to discuss fishing and tackle with you at the Lodge Shop.

**Garage**—In Yosemite Village, AAA, 372-4215.

**Ice Machines**—Village Store and Curry Village Housekeeping.

**Laundromat**—In Curry Village Housekeeping.

**Ranger Headquarters**—In Visitor Center, 372-4466.

**Service Stations**—Near Yosemite Lodge; in Yosemite Village, Chinquapin, Crane Flat, Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona.

**Swimming Pools**—At Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge.

## YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



## South Entrance Station

You are entering Yosemite through the South Entrance Station. A few yards ahead, you'll see one road leading to the left, another turning to the right. The left-hand road goes to Yosemite Valley, 32 miles distant. On the right-hand road, you're but a few minutes from the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. By all means, don't miss it. Here is a forest of *sequoia gigantea*, including the venerable Grizzly Giant, which has been famous since its discovery in 1865. Many of these mighty trees have reached 300 feet in height, and some are 2,500 years old.

As there are no picnic places in the grove, you may wish to have a meal at the Big Trees Lodge. Specially designed Tour Cars make hour-long trips through the grove, departing every twenty minutes from the parking area, five miles ahead. No private cars are allowed in the grove. There are signed nature trails and a 4-mile walk will take you *through the grove*. The road to the Valley passes Wawona (10 miles); there's a fine old hotel there where you can stay the night, or have a meal or a cool drink.

## How To See and Enjoy Yosemite

"Welcome to your park. Whether you plan to be here for a day or a week, the suggestions in this folder will be a great help to you in making the most of your time. I know that you will enjoy Yosemite and I hope that you will share our pride in its being a part of our government's efforts to preserve for you these magnificent natural and historic wonders." Lawrence Hadley, Superintendent.

### The First Steps

Before you continue your further exploration of Yosemite, spend an hour in the Visitor Center in Yosemite Village for an over-view of the park, through the displays and the orientation film. Yosemite Valley is the heart of the park, and within its seven square miles is an unparalleled concentration of beautiful things. To enable you to see them all—without the distraction of having to drive—take a trip on the Tramcar. It makes two-hour tours, covering the Valley completely, and the lecturer on board describes all the things you'll see. The Tramcar departs from The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village on the hour between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

### Don't Rush, Please!

Above all, don't rush through your visit to the park and don't try to see it from your car window. Leave the paved roads, get out on the trails on foot or on a horse. You'll see many beautiful places for picnics along the river or in dark cool forests. You can spend a week here getting to know and to savor the Valley. It's a truly remarkable place.

## The Most Famous Places

While Yosemite should be considered for its total magnificence, there are four areas of extraordinary interest that no visitor should miss.

First, there's the **Yosemite Valley**. You'll soon be in it and can see for yourself its waterfalls, meadows, sheer rising cliffs, granite domes and ledges. To see it best, the Tramcar Valley Tour is recommended. You may, of course, drive, walk, ride a horse or a bicycle. But, on the Tramcar the guide will point out and explain things you could overlook.

Then, there's **Glacier Point**. It is 30 miles from the Valley. From Glacier Point, you'll see the most arresting and beautiful views in the world. The most awesome is that into the Valley, 3,000 feet directly beneath you! To the south, east and north, you'll see the crests of the Sierra Nevada, their profiles broken by peaks to 12,000 feet. You can look up the glacier carved Merced River Canyon where the river makes its tumbling descent over Vernal and Nevada Falls.

Accessible by private car or Yosemite tour bus, the **Mariposa Grove of Big Trees** is 36 miles from the Valley. Here, there are more than 200 trees over 10 feet in diameter and nearly 200 feet tall; their ages are estimated to be 2,000 years or more. To see the grove, one may either walk the trails or ride the specially designed Tour Car which makes frequent hour-long trips through both the upper and lower groves. Passengers may alight at several places along the route for photos and board a following Tour Car. Private cars are not permitted in the grove.

The **Tuolumne Meadows** lie 50 miles from the Valley, in the heart of the Sierra Nevada.

The road there from the Valley passes through fine forests of red fir and lodgepole pine, with turnouts overlooking vast, dramatic expanses of the range. Tuolumne Meadows are the largest sub-alpine meadowlands in the Sierra; through it meanders the Tuolumne River. The entire area is ideal for camping, fishing, riding, picnicking and hiking; there is a large public campground. From the stable, day rides and pack trips into the back country are available. Fishermen will find that the lakes and streams in the Tuolumne region provide excellent sport. A grocery store, coffee shop, gas station and the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge comprise the facilities.

## When Hunger Strikes!

There are a number of good places to eat, in the Valley and out, whether your tastes run to a full course, elegant meal or a simple snack. The location of each is shown on the map on the reverse side of this folder.

### Code

B—breakfast, L—lunch, D—dinner,  
S—snacks, C—cocktails, BW—beer, wine.

### In the Valley

Yosemite Lodge  
Cafeteria (B, L, D)  
Four Seasons Restaurant (B, L, D, S, C, BW)  
Mountain Room Broiler (D, C, BW)

The Ahwahnee  
Dining Room (B, L, D, C, BW)

Curry Village  
Cafeteria (B, L, D)  
Meadow Snack Bar (S)

Yosemite Village  
Degnan's Restaurant (B, L, D, S, BW)  
Village Restaurant (B, L, D, S, C, BW)

### Out of the Valley

Wawona  
Wawona Hotel Dining Room (B, L, D, C, BW)  
Coffee Shop (B, L, S)

Mariposa Grove  
Big Trees Lodge Cafeteria (B, L, D, S, BW)

Glacier Point  
Glacier Point Cafeteria (L, D, BW)  
Kiosk (S)

White Wolf  
White Wolf Lodge Dining Room (B, L, D, BW)

Tuolumne Meadows  
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room (B, L, D)  
Coffee Shop (B, L, S)

## Where To Shop

In Yosemite Village are several shopping places. Best's Studio—Indian jewelry and crafts, books, film, cameras.

Pohono House—Indian gifts, crafts.

Degnan's—Souvenirs, bakery, groceries, delicatessen.

Village Store—Groceries, fresh vegetables, frozen foods, drugs, gifts, camping and fishing equipment, clothing, shoes.

Each of the hotels, lodges, etc. has a gift shop. That at The Ahwahnee has an outstanding collection of domestic and imported gifts, plus books, drugs, Indian wares.

At Yosemite Lodge, the shop offers souvenirs, a fine selection of fishing tackle, mountaineering equipment, drugs, books, etc.

There are two shops in Curry Village—the gift shop, which carries souvenirs, etc., sporting and camping equipment; the Nawasa Shop carries moderately priced women's sportswear, shoes, bathing suits, etc. There is a grocery store in Curry Village housekeeping section.

## When the Sun Goes Down

At the several hotels and lodges in the Valley, illustrated talks and scenic motion pictures are presented during the evening. In the campgrounds, there are ranger-naturalist campfire talks. Each, in one way or another, tells the story of Yosemite. For cocktails or an after-dinner drink, there are cocktail bars at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. One of the most pleasant ways to while away the hours before bedtime is a stroll along a quiet pathway. There's a new world of sights and sounds—night bird chirpings, the rustle of small animals, the croaking of frogs. On a moonlight night, the beauty is greatly magnified.

## For the Children

Children respond happily to being in Yosemite. Its animals and birds, its river and streams, forests and meadows are continually fascinating. Be sure your youngsters visit the Visitor Center, the Nature Center at Happy Isles, and the Pioneer History Center at Wawona. If you'll be in the park a few days, ask about the Junior Ranger Program, sponsored by the National Park Service. In addition to these, there is the Burro Picnic, a daily summer-time activity, there are donkeys to ride and a pony ring—all at the Valley stable.

## A Place To Stay

**Camping?** If you intend to camp, the entrance station ranger can provide up-to-the-minute information on where campsites are available.

**A Room?** During the height of the summer season, generally there are rooms or tent cabins available. So, if you don't have a room and want one, call the central reservation office, 372-4671. Open daily and weekends 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. If you have a reservation secured by a deposit, you may proceed to enjoy your travels; your room will be waiting for you. If you have made a reservation but no deposit, please call your hotel or lodge and tell the clerk you're in the park and will arrive shortly.

### In the Valley

Yosemite Lodge—	For Two
Hotel rooms, cottages, tents	\$6-\$21.50
Curry Village—Hotel rooms, cottages, tents, housekeeping units	\$6-\$16.00
The Ahwahnee—Hotel rooms	\$29.00

### Out of the Valley

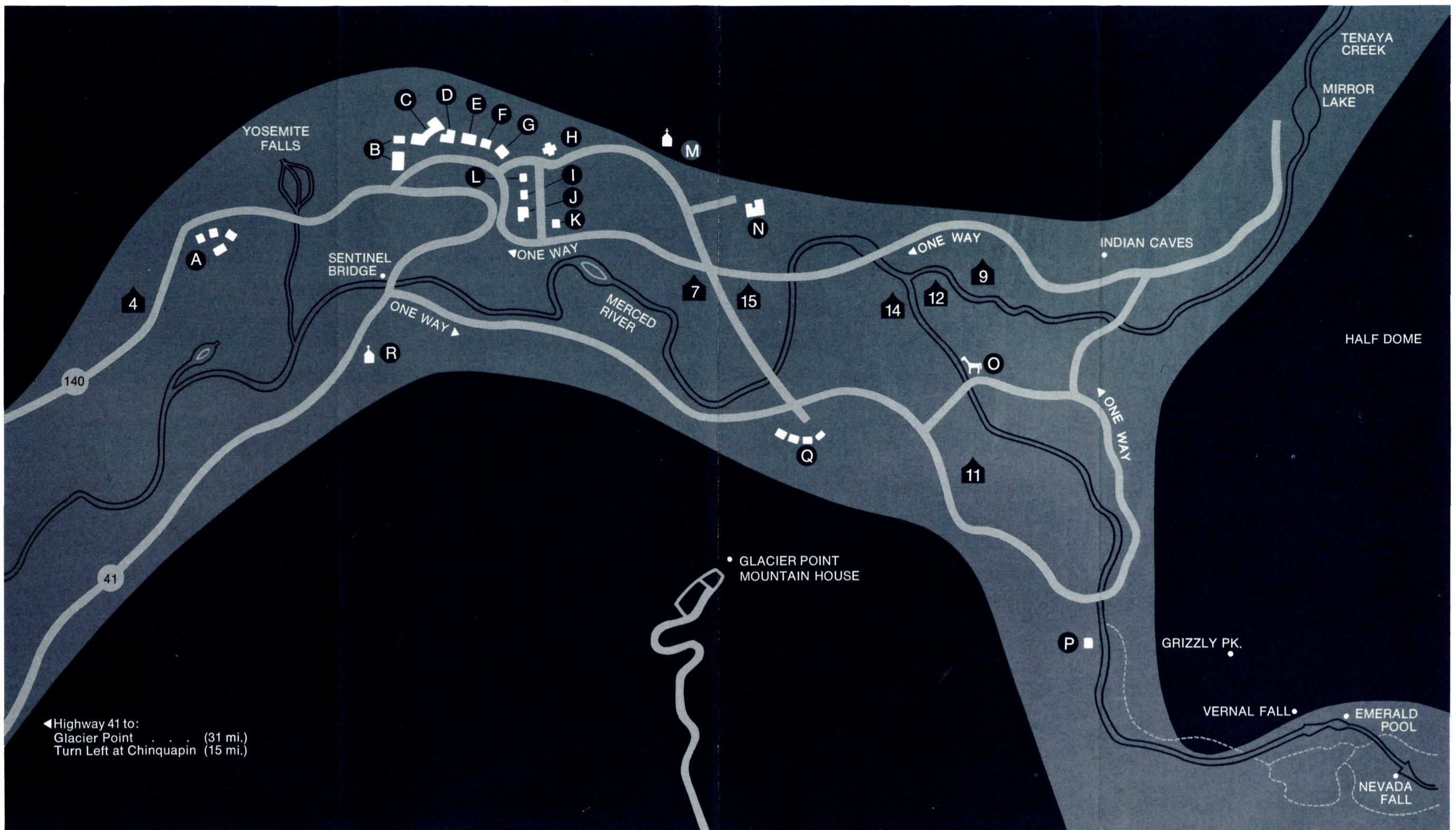
Wawona Hotel—Hotel rooms	\$11-\$21.50
Big Trees Lodge—Hotel rooms	\$10.50-\$15.50
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge— Tent cabins	\$8.50
White Wolf Lodge— Cottages, tent cabins	\$8.50-\$15.50

## Ride—A Horse or a Bicycle

Two more ways to see Yosemite—From the Valley Stable there are 2-hour rides, trips to Nevada Falls, Glacier Point, etc. These are great fun and will get you to places not accessible by car. Stables also located at Wawona, White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows. Bicycles provide another enjoyable way to get around the Valley; the roads are level, the things to see almost limitless. Small bikes and kiddie seats, for children. Available at Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village.

## Interested In Climbing?

The Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service provides excellent instruction in rock climbing. Classes are available for those who have never climbed but who are interested in this exciting and rewarding sport. Also for experienced climbers. Inquire at the Yosemite Lodge Shop for information.



	Eat
	Sleep
	Shop

### Yosemite Valley

			A. Yosemite Lodge
			B. Park Headquarters
			C. Visitor Center
			D. Best's Studio
			E. Pohono House
			F. Post Office
			G. Degnan's
			H. Hospital-Dentist
			I. Gas Station
			J. Central Reservation Office
			K. Garage
			L. Village Store & Restaurant
			M. Church Bowl
			N. The Ahwahnee
			O. Stable
			P. Happy Isles Nature Center
			Q. Curry Village
			Kiddie Camp
			Housekeeping Camp
			Laundromat
			Bicycle Rental
			R. Chapel
			Campgrounds (4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15)

### Yosemite National Park

		Glacier Point
		Wawona
		Mariposa Grove
		White Wolf
		Tuolumne Meadows

