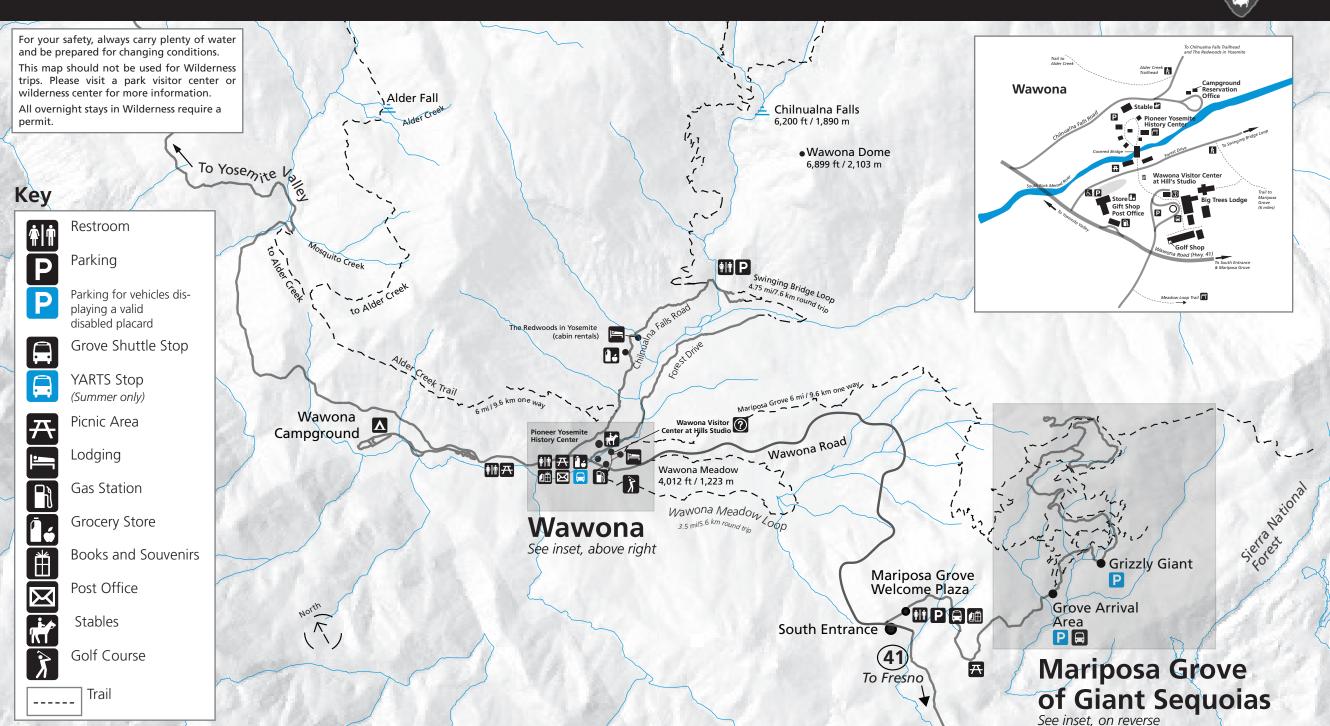
Wawona Area Hiking Map

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Easv

Wawona Meadow Loop Begin at the Big Trees Lodge

3.5 miles (5.6 km) round

1.5 to 2 hours

Walk on the paved road across the Wawona Golf Course. Once across the golf course, take a left at the sign-posted trailhead. The trail is an unpaved fire road which loops around the meadow and returns to the Wawona Road. A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife and wildflowers. Horses, bikes, and leashed pets are allowed on the trail.

Big Trees Loop (easy)

30 to 45 minutes wheelchair accessible

Grizzly Giant Loop Trail

2.1 miles (3.4 km) round trip 1.5 to 2 hours

gain

Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

0.3 mile (0.5 km) round trip Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias. This loop is relatively flat and is wheelchair accessible.

Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area.

Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and the California Tunnel Tree. Visitors with a valid disaboled placard can drive as far as the Grizzly Giant parking and enjoy 500 feet (150 m) elevation the grove via a section of trail that is wheelchair accessible.

Moderate

Swinging Bridge Loop

trip 2 to 3 hours

1 mile round trip from end of Forest Drive

Begin at Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center parking 4.75 miles (7.6 km) round area / or at the end of Forest Drive

> The paved road, Forest Drive, leads 2 miles (3.2 km) upstream from the Pioneer Yosemite History Center to the Seventh Day Adventist Camp. At the camp, bear to the left onto the dirt road and continue 1/2 mile to the Swinging Bridge. Cross the bridge and bear left onto the trail which becomes a dirt road and then Chilnualna Falls Road. This road will return to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center at the Wawona Stable. Cross the covered bridge to return to the parking area. Most of this trail is along roads. ALTERNATIVE: Drive the two miles to the end of Forest Drive and hike 1/2 mile one-way to Swinging Bridge.

Strenuous

Alder Creek

30 minutes

8 miles (18.7 km) round gain)

Begin at Alder Creek Trailhead parking area; located .4 miles up Chilnualna Falls Road

trip to Alder Creek. 6 hours The trail leads from the parking area across the road and heads uphill (2,500 ft / 762 m elevation north through an open pine forest with abundant manzanita growing on drier slopes. The trail provides access to Alder Fall, a little-visited, 100-foot cascade. Carry lots of drinking water in summer, when temperatures can be extreme. ALTERNATE ROUTE: Begin at Mosquito Creek along Wawona Road (hike is 6 miles round-trip to Alder Fall).

Strenuous

Chilnualna Falls

8.2 miles (13 km) round trip 5 to 6 hours (2,400 ft / 732 m elevation gain)

Mariposa Grove Trail to **Wawona Point**

7.75 miles (12.4 km) round trip 3 to 5 hours

1,200 feet (366 m) elevation gain

Guardians Loop Trail

6.5 miles (10.4 km) 4-6 hours 1,000 feet (300 m)

Begin at Chilnualna Falls Trailhead parking area located two miles up Chilnualna Falls Road

The trail leads from the parking area across the road and along Chilnualna Creek for 1/2 mile (.8 km). A series of switchbacks lead away from the creek into the open forest. The falls are comprised of five large cascades sliding through and over rock formations above the Wawona Basin—water here is fullest in spring and early summer. Carry lots of drinking water in the summer, when temperatures can be extreme.

Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

This wide and relatively smooth trail follows a route that people have used to access the grove for generations. See famous sequoias such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Faithful Couple, and the Clothespin Tree along this somewhat strenuous route to the upper reaches of the grove. Continue to historic Wawona Point, an overlook with panoramic views.

Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

From the tranquil upper portion of the grove, a 1.5-mile (2.4 km) loop takes hikers past many unique features such as the fallen Wawona Tunnel Tree, the Telescope Tree, and the Mariposa Grove Cabin.

