

Yosemite Guide



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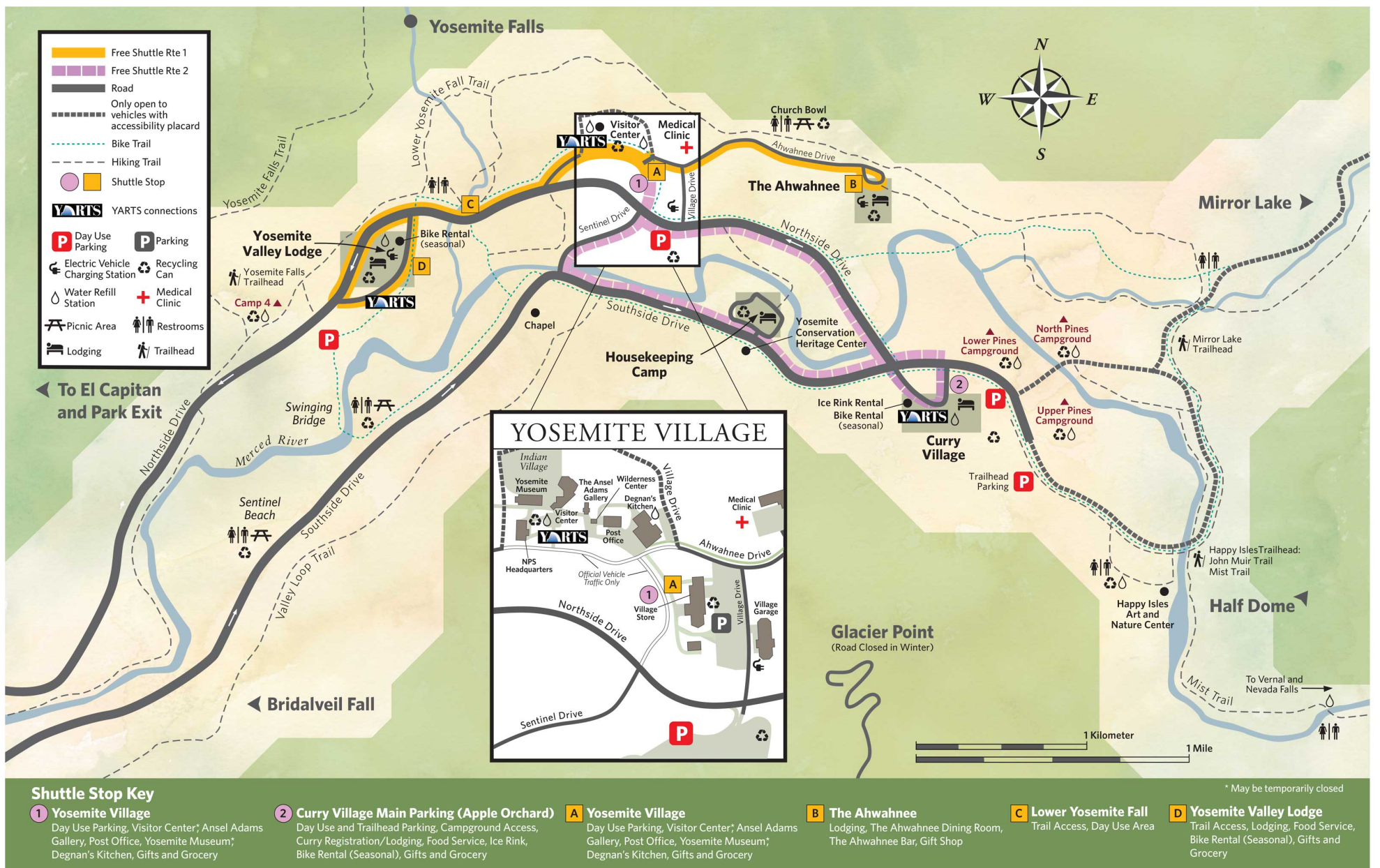
Wearing a face mask is required in federal buildings regardless of vaccination status. Check local resources, area signage, and our park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

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Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to get park-related information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 4pm.

WINTER SPORTS

Badger Pass Ski Area

Badger Pass Ski Area opens on December 17, *conditions permitting*. Live information on winter sports is available by calling (209) 372-8430; recorded information is available at (209)372-1000. See page 5 for service hours.

Badger Pass A-Frame

Open daily, 9am to 4pm, when Badger Pass Ski Area is open. Wilderness permits for the Glacier Point area and crosscountry ski trail information is available. Ranger led snowshoe walks begin here, *weather and conditions permitting*.

Badger Pass Shuttle (FREE)

The free shuttle service to and from Badger Pass Ski Area begins December 17, weather and road conditions permitting. Badger Pass shuttle arrival and departure times are subject to change due to traffic and weather conditions.

Badger Pass Shuttle Schedule

Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass Departures

Curry Village - 8:05am and 10:35am
Yosemite Village (YTS) - 8:10am and 10:40am
Ahwahnee Hotel - 8:15am and 10:45am
Yosemite Valley Lodge - 8:30am and 11am

Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley Departures

Badger Pass - 2pm and 4:30pm

Ice Skating

Take the shuttle to Curry Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. Open Nov 22 through Mar 6, conditions permitting. See page 5 for hours.



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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 onto roadways!

Walking and Hiking

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of year-round walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by the visitor contact station behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions. (Open 9am to 4pm.)

PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give regular programs about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See page 5 for scheduled programs.

Adventure Out With Yosemite Mountaineering School

Yosemite Mountaineering School provides

outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. 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

Yosemite Conservancy Adventures CUSTOM YOSEMITE EXPERIENCES

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule.

Custom Adventures: Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Looking for ways to connect with Yosemite from home? Contact us to schedule a virtual adventure: adventures@yosemite.org.

COVID-19 Information

Wearing a face mask is required in federal buildings regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for helping keep yourself and others safe. Check local resources, area signage, and park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

How Will My Visit Be Impacted?

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2021. Visitation to the park will be managed in accordance with recommendations from public health officials. Visit the park website, www.nps.gov/yose for more updates and safety information

Not Available or Modified Services this Winter

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (VC) is closed; an outdoor visitor contact station is available behind the VC.

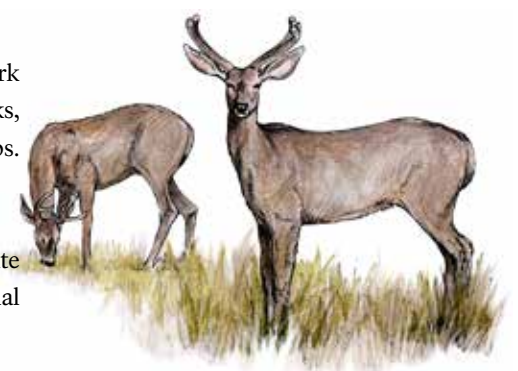
Many programs are canceled until further notice, see page 4 for programs schedule.

Some campgrounds are currently closed. Camp 4 is now available to first come, first served camping.

Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are closed until Spring 2022

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System will resume operations on December 17, 2021.

Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.



ENTERING A NATIONAL PARK
Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).

EMERGENCY INFORMATION
Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911
Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
Open Monday- Friday from 9am to 5pm. (Closed holidays.)
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION
Within Yosemite National Park:
209/372-0200
Outside Yosemite National Park:
800/427-7623



PARK APP
Download the National Park Service app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. Find more information on page 11 of this Guide.

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



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats
(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 Pass \$70,
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one 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
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 US military, US military veterans, and Gold Star families.

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
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

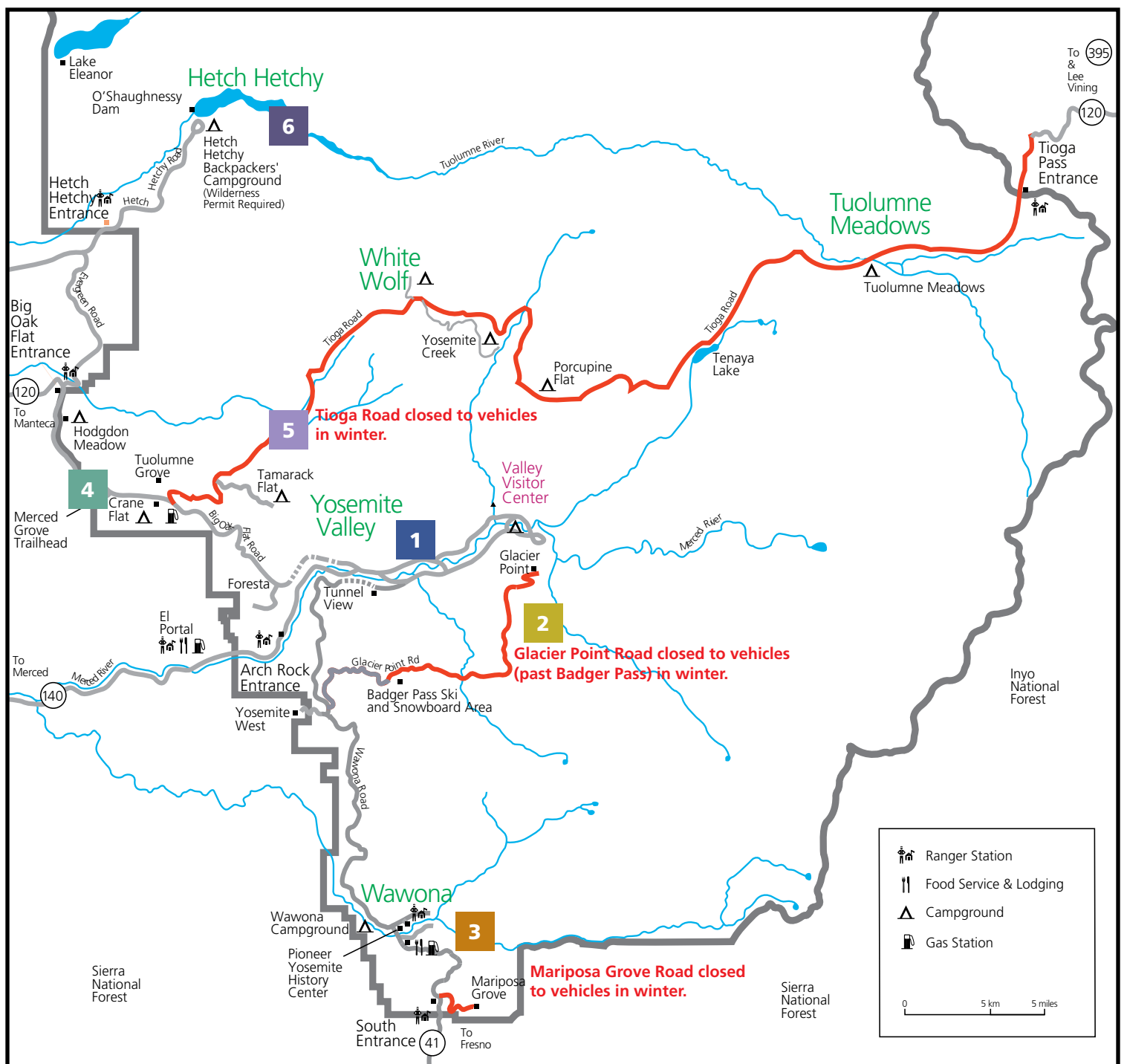
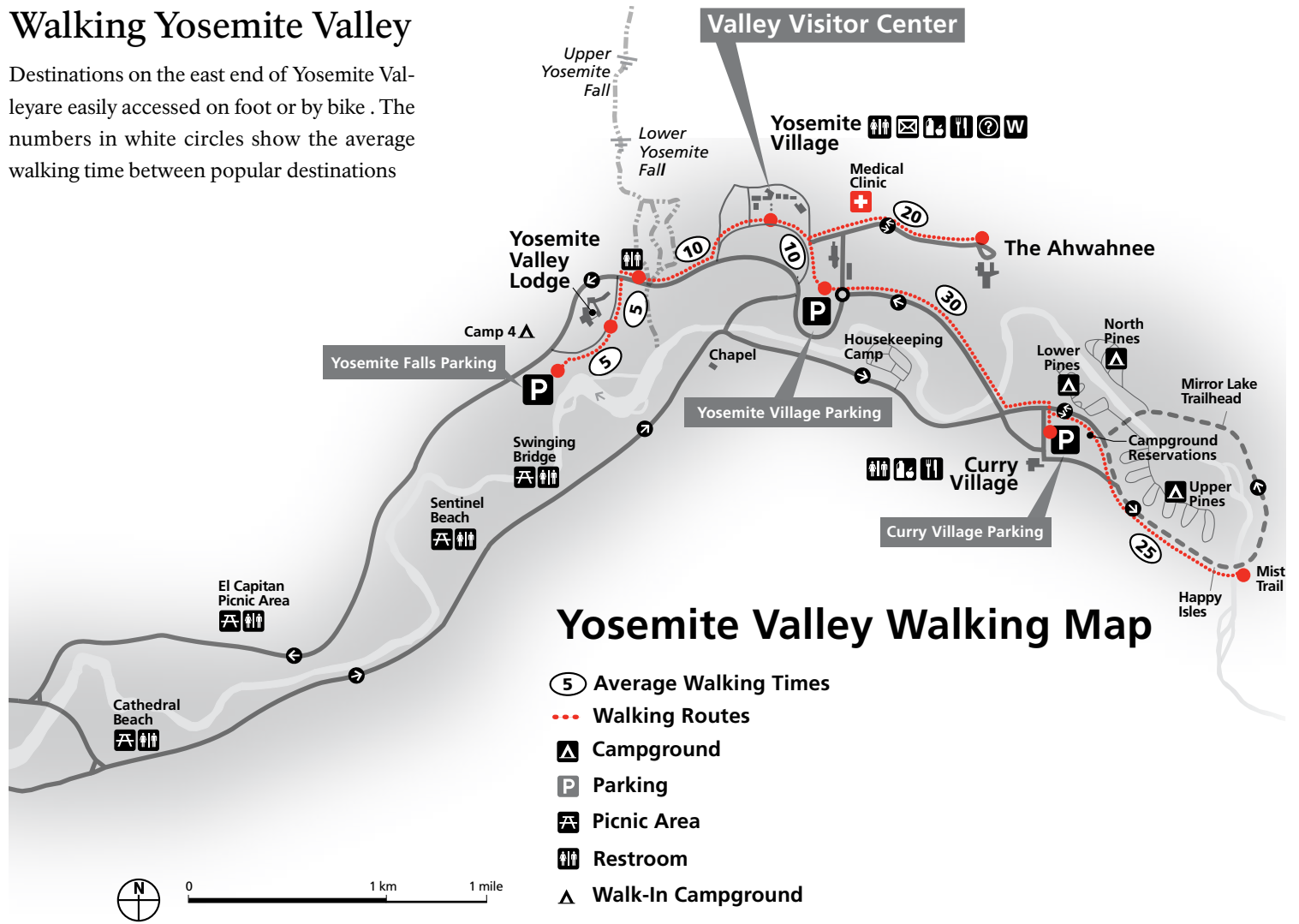
Mariposa County Visitor Center
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
(209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center,
(760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

Destinations on the east end of Yosemite Valley are easily accessed on foot or by bike. The numbers in white circles show the average walking time between popular destinations.



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.



Yosemite Valley in Winter. Photo by Christine White Loberg

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 Badger Pass Ski 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.



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Photo

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 Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with the people who came to Yosemite from all over the world to start a new life and make the park what it is today.



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

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.



Tenaya Lake. NPS Photo

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 Reservoir. NPS Photo

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. 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.

Winter Weather Driving and Chain Control Information:

Winter road conditions through Yosemite can vary widely and may require tire chains. **Chain requirements are strictly enforced.** For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call 209/372-0200. Signs will indicate when chains are required. Here is a summary of chain control signs on Yosemite roads:



R1 - All vehicles *without* mud and snow tires are required to install chains/cables. Vehicles *with* mud and snow tires do not, but must still carry chains. See chain control regulations on www.nps.gov/yose for vehicles towing trailers.



R2 - Chains/cables must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles must have 4-wheel drive engaged.



R3 - ALL vehicles are required to install chains/cables, regardless of having *mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*"M+S" will be on the side of your tires if they are mud and snow tires.

Yosemite Valley

Programs, Art, and Exhibits

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station is available behind the visitor center for information and updates from 9am to 4pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be operating as an outdoor “to-go” store, daily from 9am to 4:30pm.

YOSEMITE THEATER AND MUSEUM

Closed Fall and Winter of 2021

INDIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. View the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes still actively use. Located behind the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Snowshoe Walk Explore the Forest in Winter (Begins December 18) 10am to 12pm at Badger Pass. Reservations required by 2pm the day before the snowshoe walk. No first-come first-served availability for the walk. Limited to 30 people. Reservations must be made by calling 209-379-1899. Mask required. Meet at Badger Pass Ranger Station for naturalist led tour of winter landscape. Bring warm clothing. Expect a moderately-strenuous experience. Snowshoes provided. Begins December 18. Mask required *If Badger Pass remains closed, this program will not take place.*

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park this winter! Advanced registration is required for all Conservancy adventures. Explore our website (yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more



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about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Evening Campfire with storyteller (December 24, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm) in Yosemite Valley.
- Winter Hike (January 22, 9am-3pm) in Yosemite Valley.
- Full Moon Hike (January 17, 7pm-9pm) at Badger Pass.
- Dewey Point Snowshoe Walk (January 29, 8am-4pm) at Badger Pass.

Or plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: yosemite.org/adventures.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 3pm. (Closed Christmas Day.)

Experience a variety of fine arts, hand-crafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams original photographs. We offer half-day photography classes and private guided tours, reservations required. Call 209/372- 4413 or visit anseladams.com/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

CURRENT EXHIBITION

REVERENCE - PLATINUM AND SILVER PHOTOGRAPHS BY JEFFREY CONLEY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021 THROUGH JANUARY 8TH, 2022

Artist Jeffrey Conley writes: “For all of us, the Earth sustains our existence. In an otherwise inhospitable known universe, our little blue planet provides us absolutely everything. “I find the natural world to be endlessly wondrous in its range of character and texture, from moments of delicate intimacy and subtlety to the

massively expansive and powerful. Nature is in constant change, and photography is particularly well suited to capture and amplify the swirling fluidity and the wonderfully serendipitous moments born of the ephemeral. Photographing nature is a very specific kind of exercise in mindfulness; to be out in nature with senses responsive, keenly aware of circumstances and completely receptive, yielding to the present.” Please join us at The Ansel Adams Gallery beginning November 14th to enjoy these noble and striking photographs that showcase a gratitude of our planet, placing it at “the pinnacle of the reverential order.”

FUTURE EXHIBITION

SHADES OF WINTER
JANUARY 9TH, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26TH, 2022

The gallery will be hosting a group exhibition of photographs that honor a truly magical season in Yosemite: Winter. We look forward to seeing you in the valley during our favorite time of year.

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Complete the activities that are the best fit for you in the above self-guided handbook, sold for \$3.50 plus tax at stores throughout Yosemite National Park and online. When you are done, share your booklet with a park ranger at any Yosemite visitor center during operating hours to receive your Junior Ranger badge.

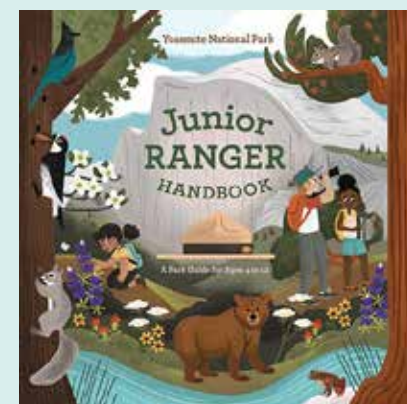


Illustration by Stefani Lacy

TIME	PROGRAMS - (NPS = National Park Service; YC = Yosemite Conservancy; TAAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery ♿ = Accessible; \$ = Program offered for a fee)	DURATION	LOCATION	REMARKS	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
8:00am	Dewey Point Snowshoe Trek Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC)	8hrs	Badger Pass	Jan 29 only							X
9:00am	Winter Hike in Yosemite Valley Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC)	6hrs	Yosemite Valley	Jan 22 only							X
9:00am	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley					X			
9:00am	Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley		X						
9:00am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	3hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
9:00am	Demystifying Digital Exposure Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	2hrs	Yosemite Valley								X
10:00am	Snowshoe Walk: Explore the Forest in Winter (conditions permitting) Reservations required by 2 pm the day before (209/379-1899) and masks required. (See above for details) (NPS)	2 hrs	Badger Pass	Begins December 18 if Badger Pass is open.	X			X			X
1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
1:00pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	3hrs	Yosemite Valley						X		X
6:30pm	Evening Campfire Stories Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC)	1hr	Yosemite Valley	Dec 24 only						X	
7:00pm	Full Moon Snowshoe Hike Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures . \$ (YC)	2hrs	Badger Pass	Jan 17 only		X					

Services in Yosemite

Schedule



The Yosemite Chapel, Yosemite Valley, NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai

Hours listed are core hours and maybe extended during peak visitation.

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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

The Loft at Degnan's
Closed for the season.

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
(Advance reservations available for hotel guests. Contact 209-372-1489 to inquire about same-day reservations.)

The Coffee Bar Closed for the season

The Ahwahnee Bar 2pm to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Starbucks Coffee: Closed
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 3pm
Dinner: 4pm to 8pm

Mountain Room Bar
5pm to 9pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Temporarily closed

CURRY VILLAGE

Seven Tents Pavilion
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Open weekends and holidays only after Dec 17. Closed Jan 2 through Jan 27

Bar 1899

2pm to 9pm
Closed Jan 2 through Jan 27

Coffee Corner

6:30am to 11am
Closed Jan 2 through Jan 27

WAWONA AREA

Wawona Hotel
Closed for the season

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Skiers Grill (downstairs)
8am to 4pm, beginning Dec 17

Snowflake Room (upstairs)
Friday: 12pm to 4pm
Sat/Sun/Holidays: 10am to 4pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(The Chapel)
Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
Sunday Service: 9:15am
Sunday Evening: 6:30pm
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00pm and 5:30pm
*Subject to Covid -19 policies. Please call the chapel for current information before you travel.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)

El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

No meetings at this time
Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

Grocery Stores

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Store
8am to 8pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery
10am to 6pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
9am to 5pm

Gas and Service Stations

EL PORTAL

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION

Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

CRANE FLAT

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card,
Store closed for the season.

Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

EL PORTAL

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Closed for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

WAWONA

Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

Books, Gifts and Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 4:30pm

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 3pm, Closed Dec 25

Village Store

8am to 8pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop
9am to 8pm

Sweet Shop
8am to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery
10am to 6pm

Mountain Shop
8:30am to 4:30pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
9am to 5pm

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Sport Shop
9am to 4pm, beginning Dec 17

Winter Recreation

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Opens Dec 17, conditions permitting

Lift Operation 9am to 4pm

Lift Tickets 8:30am to 4pm

Ski School Desk 8:30am to 4pm

Tubing 10am to 11am, 11:30am to

1:30pm, and 2pm to 4pm

Nordic Shop Rentals 8:30am to 4:30pm

Alpine Rentals 8:30am to 4:30pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Ice skating

Opens Nov 22, conditions permitting

Monday-Friday 3:30pm - 6:00pm &

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 2:30pm,

3:30 - 6:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Holidays: 8:30am - 11:00am, 12:00pm

- 2:30pm, 3:30 - 6:00pm & 7:00pm -

9:30pm

GLACIER POINT

Ski Hut

Closed for the season

Other Services

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley

(209) 372-4637

For emergency care CALL 9-1-1

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm,

Closed weekends and federal holidays



Seaschultz and the dog team, Yosemite Valley, 1933RL 006272

Hiking



Swinging Bridge, Yosemite Valley, NPS Image

Choose Your Adventure

What better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot. Ask a ranger at any visitor contact station for updated trail conditions and one of several free day hike handouts.

WINTER TRAILS PREPAREDNESS

Ski or snowshoe touring in Yosemite can be a magnificent experience with proper preparation. See page 8 for tips on how to protect yourself while adventuring in Yosemite.

TRAILS IN WAWONA AREA

Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Yosemite History Center will highlight how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open and informational signs are found in front of each historic building.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500

trees in the grove. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars from the end of November until at least March 15, the road to the grove and all trails in the grove remain open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers. Wilderness permits are required for camping. There is no water in the grove.

TRAILS IN CRANE FLAT AREA

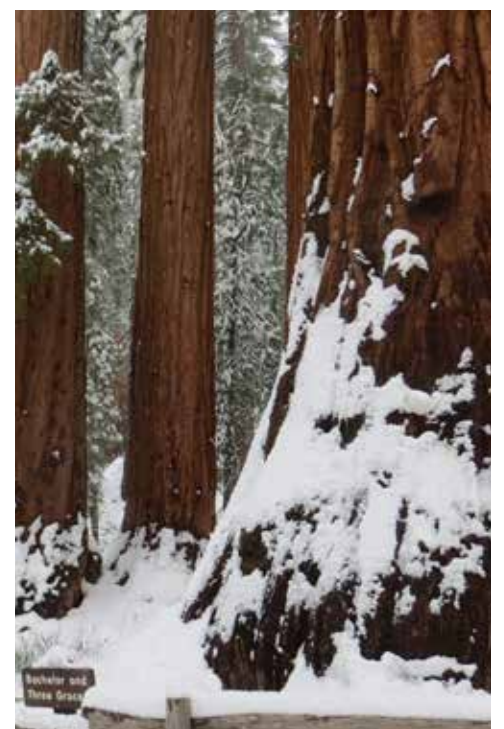
Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road at Crane Flat. This is a popular trail both with snowshoers and hikers and is an arduous return ski. The trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy,

half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. The first half mile is level and easy, a good warm-up for the steep 1 mile (1.6 km) descent into the grove. This trail requires heavy snowfall from a cold, lower-elevation storm to be skiable. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. 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.



Bachelor and Three Graces, Mariposa Grove, NPS Image

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall - <i>CLOSED due to Construction</i>			
Lower Yosemite Fall	Across from Yosemite Valley Lodge	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4, across from Yosemite Valley Lodge	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)	East of North Pines Campground	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	Happy Isles	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use



Badger Pass A-Frame in winter. NPS Image

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Self-registration quota sheets and permits are available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station and at the Badger Pass A-Frame (conditions permitting). Bear canisters are only available for rent at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore located at the Valley Visitor Center. The process for reserving wilderness permits in advance has changed for the 2022 season. Permit reservation requests can be made at www.recreation.gov/permits/445859, 24 weeks to 7 days in advance. The 60% reservable quota for each trailhead first becomes available during a weekly lottery 24 weeks in advance. Any of the 60% that are not confirmed during the lottery will be released for advanced reservations, up to 7 days in advance. For every permit lottery application and advanced reservation there is a non-refundable \$10 permit fee. For each confirmed permit, there is an additional non-refundable \$5 per person fee. To reach the Wilderness Reservation staff, use www.yosemite.org/contact-us (preferred) at any time or call 209-372-0740, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking, www.yosemite.org, and the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org.

Wilderness Centers

YOSEMITE VALLEY Wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads are available by self-registration in front of the Visitor Center. Bear canisters are available for rent or to buy 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 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 Wawona Hotel; 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 Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting.

HETCH HETCHY

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

Half Dome Permits

The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put back up May 27, 2022 conditions permitting. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for the 2022 day use permits begins March 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2022. To apply for permits visit www.recreation.gov/permits/234652 or call 877/444-

6777. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. The process for hiking Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip has also changed for 2022. Please visit: nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm to learn about the new process.

Camping Reservations

For the 2021 winter season, campgrounds that will be open are a portion each of Upper Pines and Camp 4. Upper Pines requires reservations which are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time.

Camp 4 is first come, first served, and campers must self-register. 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.

Sleeping in vehicles and frontcountry camping are only permitted.



General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are not available during the 2021 season.
- 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 10pm to 6am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.
- Firewood collection of dead and down wood 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.

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters



Exciting news, campers: You can now buy reusable, returnable Little Kamper propane canisters in Yosemite, including at The Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store and El Portal Market. Here's how it works:

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program (which uses green Flameking 1 lb. tanks).
4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

In alliance with the *Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality, we are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

*This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.

Protecting yourself...



NPS Photo

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? No one really knows! This is a season of transition so you can experience several weather extremes in just one day. So, be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rain and melting snow can cause our rivers and streams to flow fast and high. Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. *Also, granite rocks and boulders near rivers and waterfalls, wet or dry, are extremely slippery. To avoid injury, please do not leave the safety of the trail.*

WEATHER

Your best approach to the weather is to check the latest forecast and 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.

TRAIL NAVIGATION

Snow blanketed terrain can quickly cause disorientation. Winter specific trails are marked with a 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.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Weather is unpredictable and can change rather quickly, possibly affecting Park roads. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to 209/372-0200 +1+1 for current road conditions and restrictions. Be aware of changing conditions and icy roads, especially in shadowed areas. Always carry tire chains, it's the law.

YOSEMITE'S TRAILS

Know before you go! Some trails and trail segments may be closed due to weather or other hazards. Obey all trail signage. Check weather and current conditions at the visitor center before your trip. Trails can be icy or wet—use trekking poles, crampons, or other footwear traction devices can help with preventing a serious fall.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Always leave travel and hiking plans with a trusted person, including intended routes

and estimated time of return.

- Stay on established trails.
- River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness. Crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
- Stay hydrated and snack frequently, despite season! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to digest snacks.
- Take hiking essentials – including sunglasses, sunscreen, and a mirror and whistle.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice.
- Keep doors to guest lodging shut.

- Do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container.
- If camping or backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents and their fleas. To protect yourself, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

Wilderness Etiquette: How to Poop in the Woods

- When nature calls, make sure you are 200 feet away from any water source.
- Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you're able to bury your waste.
- In the winter, human waste still needs to be buried 6 inches deep in soil not snow or carried out in a WAG bag.
- Pack out toilet paper, don't bury it or try to burn it!



...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 causing the bear to 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. 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 (209) 379-1992.

E-BIKES

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed and must adhere to a 15mph speed limit.

FISHING

Stream and river fishing in Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is open through November 15. You must have a valid California Fishing License with you. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Clean water is a precious resource for all living beings -

You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

- **Protect fragile plants and soils:** Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- **Walk and camp on durable surfaces:** Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- **Pack it in, pack it out:** Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- **Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources:**
- **Use restroom facilities or bury human waste:** Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.



Hetch Hetchy - NPS Image

Winter Through the Years



For years, many have associated Yosemite in the winter with magic: a wonderland of soft blankets of snow, sparkling alpine glow on frozen mountain faces, and crisp starry skies decorated with wide-eyed constellations. One cannot help but feel enveloped in a sense of awe and wonder when observing it all.

Winter also brings many changes to the park: busy trails transition into quiet snowshoe havens, and the backcountry is a wild and seemingly untouched playground in the winter for those who crave adventure.

Historically winter in Yosemite has showcased a rich variety of cold weather activities. The winter season brought hockey tournaments, Olympic speed skating trials, curling, downhill ski races, dogsledding, ski touring behind horses, and tobogganing. Donald Tresidder, the first president of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, even put in a bid for the 1932 Winter Olympics to be hosted in Yosemite National Park. Thankfully Lake Placid New York was chosen as the site.

Imagine how drastically the Olympic Games could have changed the landscape of Yosemite. Lake Placid was chosen because the International Olympic

Committee said it had a “more predictable snowfall.” However, it must be noted that during the year of the 1932 Olympics, Lake Placid had record low snowfall, while Yosemite had record high snowfall!

Not only has the park hosted a myriad of winter activities over the years, but it was also home to the first ski school

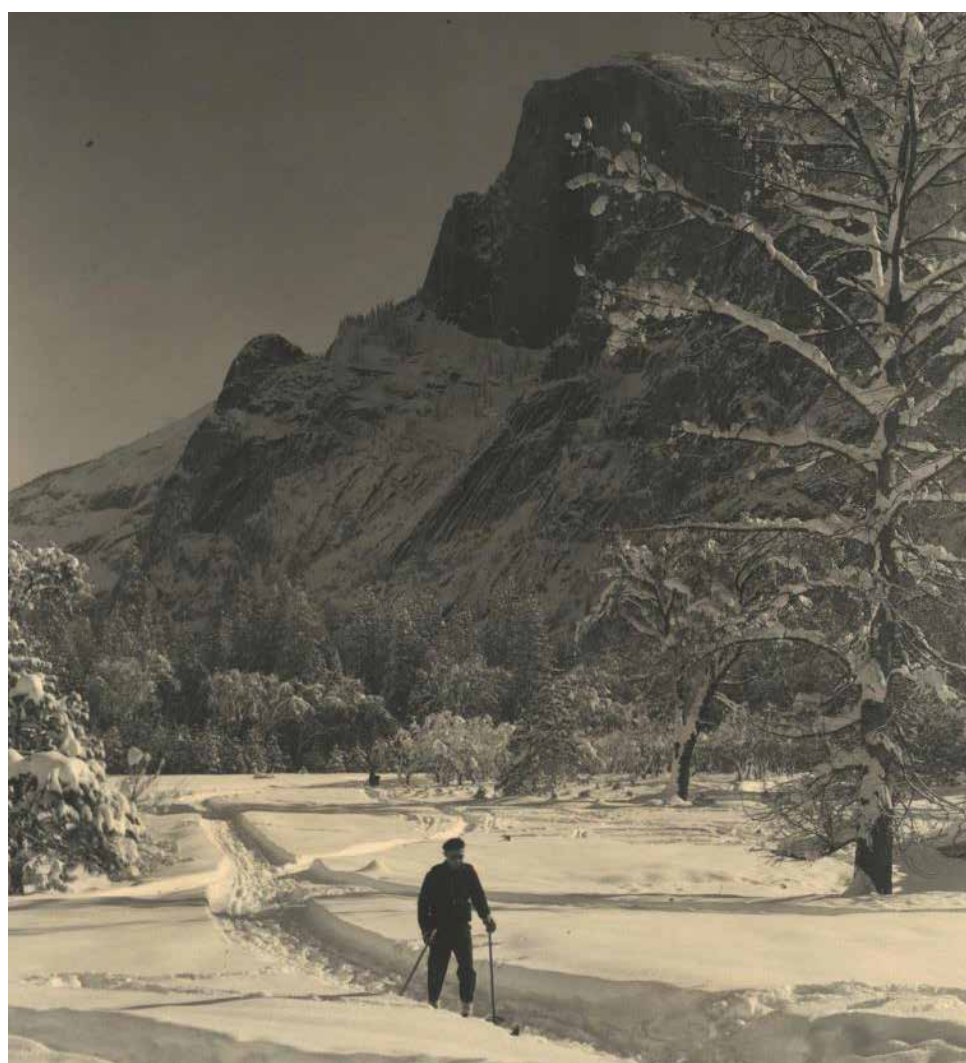
west of the Mississippi. Donald Tresidder established the Yosemite ski school during the winter of 1928, and it was run by a top Swiss instructor: Jules Fritsch. He, along with Gordon Hooley, Wolf Greeven, and Ralph de Pfyffer were some of the first ski instructors in Yosemite. It was common for them to lead overnight backcountry ski trips with park visitors to Snow Flat and Mount

Dana, often using backcountry ranger cabins for overnight accommodations.

Yosemite is not only known for having the first ski school in the West, but its historic Badger Pass was also the first ski resort established in California. While Yosemite’s ski area is shy in size, it has fostered a deep love for winter activities since 1935. Generations upon generations of families come to the ski area every year to learn and play.

Here in Yosemite, it feels as though the seasons change at the perfect time: after busy hot summers, human hearts long for the cold and crisp winters. As the end of winter draws near, one cannot help but crave the cusp of long dark nights to elongated warm summer days.

Though Sierra winters bring many changes to the park, Yosemite continues to offer itself to everyone. Whether one prefers to bask in the beauty of a snow covered Valley, embark on wild backcountry adventures, learn to fly down peaks on skis and snowboards, or share stories in the warmth of good company, winter in Yosemite ignites a sense of awe and wonder.



Images: top left, Badger Pass Ski Area, 1936, NP Gallery; top right, Joe Sovulewski 1934, RL 007848; center bottom, Half Dome in early a.m., RL 006341

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.

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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 for all. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided over \$140 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: yosemite.org or 415/434-1782.

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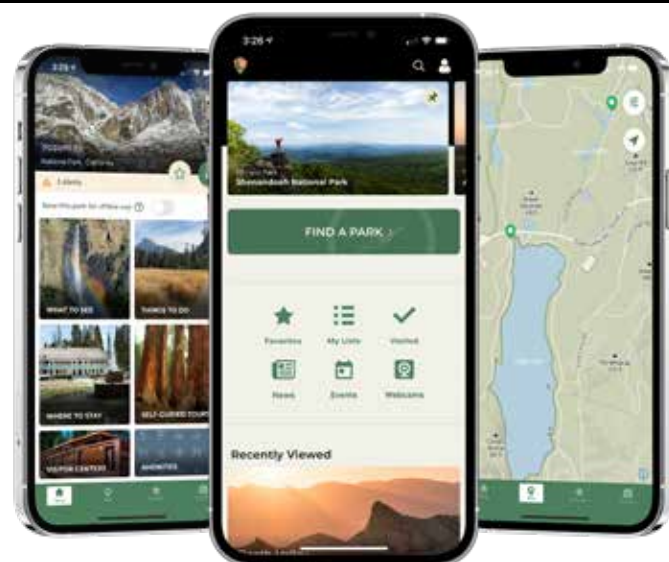
Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

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.

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, or lounges, 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

National Park Service App



Search "National Park Service" in the app stores or use the QR code.

