

# Yosemite Guide



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## UPDATE

Wearing a face mask is required while riding in shuttle buses and other enclosed buses. Check local resources, area signage, and the park website for updates, [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose).



Bridalveil Falls blowing out a misty heart-shaped formation. Image by Jeff Berkes Photography

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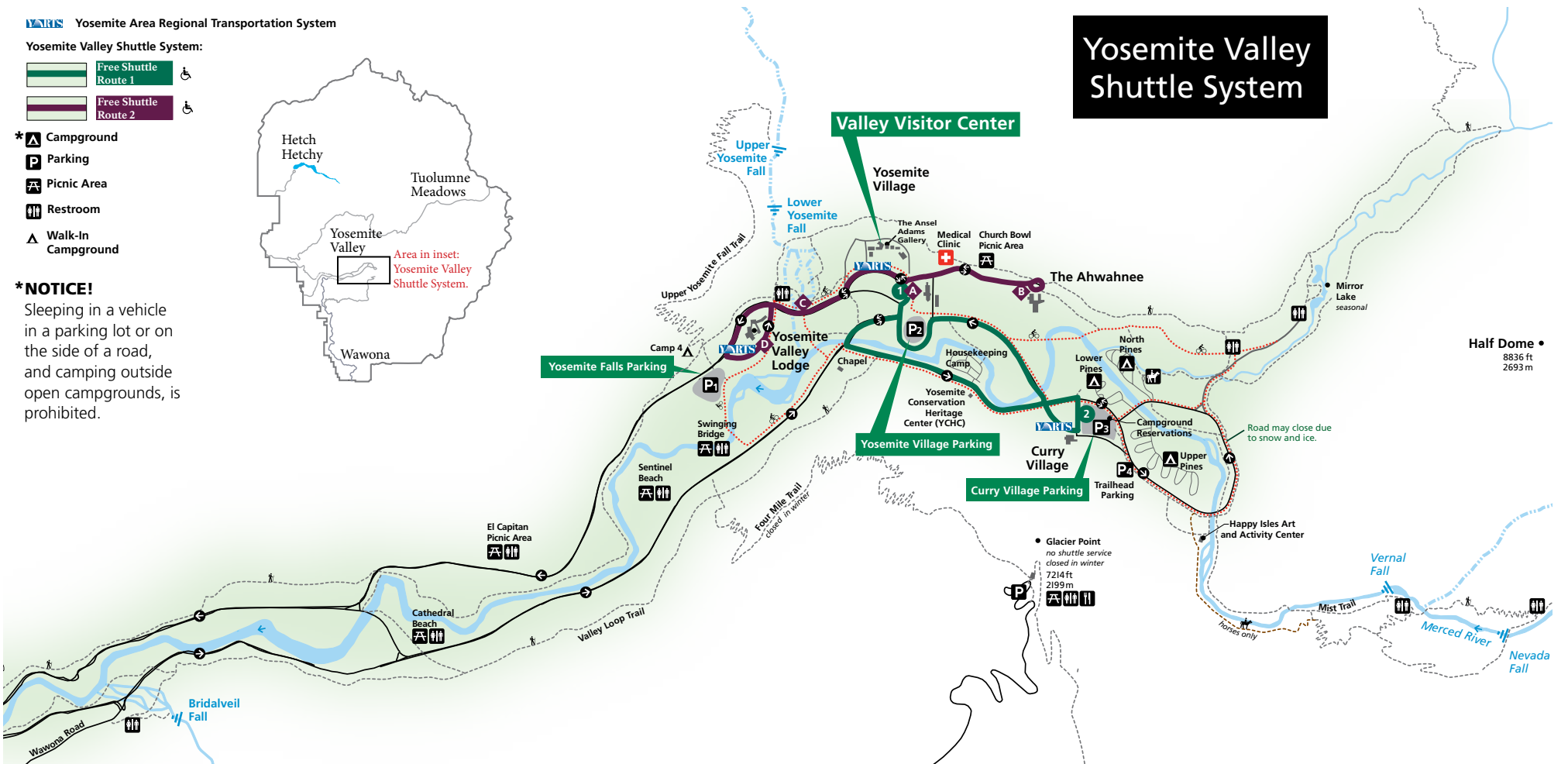
### YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

#### Yosemite Valley Shuttle System:

- Free Shuttle Route 1
- Free Shuttle Route 2

- \* Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground

**\*NOTICE!** Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.



The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates daily from 7am to 8pm, 7am to 10pm beginning May 1, 2022, and serves stops in numerical/alphabetical order. Shuttles run every 20 to 30 minutes.

Stop #	Location			
1	<b>Yosemite Village</b> Day Use Parking, Visitor Center, Ansel Adams Gallery, Post Office, Yosemite Museum, Degnan's Kitchen, Gifts/Grocery	A	<b>Yosemite Village</b> Day Use Parking, Visitor Center, Ansel Adams Gallery, Post Office, Yosemite Museum, Degnan's Kitchen, Gifts/Grocery	C
2	<b>Curry Village Parking</b> Day Use and Trailhead Parking, Campground Access, Lodging, Food Service, Ice Rink, Gifts/Grocery	B	<b>The Ahwahnee</b> Lodging, The Ahwahnee Dining Room, The Ahwahnee Bar, Gift Shop	D
				<b>Lower Yosemite Fall</b> Trail Access, Day Use Area
				<b>Yosemite Valley Lodge</b> Trail Access, Lodging, Food Service, Gifts/Grocery



# Things to Do

## Winter in Yosemite

### WELCOME

#### Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located near 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 from 9am-5pm.

### THINGS TO DO

#### Walking and Hiking

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of year-round walking and hiking options. Stop by the visitor contact station behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

#### Bicycling

Experience several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge or Curry Village, *conditions permitting*. See page 5 for Bike Rental hours, *beginning April 8*. *Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.*

#### Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly Le Conte Memorial Lodge) will be open, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am until 4pm from Sunday, May 1 to Friday, September 30, 2022. All evening programs have been canceled for the entire season due to social distancing requirements. Visitors are welcome to visit the new exhibits and meet with Sierra Club Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Volunteers.

### PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

#### Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, or online at [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com). See page 4 for programs schedule.



Fern Spring, Yosemite Valley. NPS Photo

## Get outside and enjoy your park!

Spring offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

#### Adventure Out With Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

Yosemite Mountaineering School offers world-class rock climbing instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking trips, snowshoe hikes and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite's wilderness. YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a variety of skiing, climbing and mountaineering skills and experience. As the only authorized climbing guides in the Park, they can share their unparalleled knowledge with everyone from pros to complete novices. Phone: 209/372-8344; Email [yms@aramark.com](mailto:yms@aramark.com)

#### Naturalist Programs

Learn about the wonders of the park on a naturalist-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily on a variety of topics *See page 4 for details.*

#### Custom Yosemite Conservancy Experiences

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide or art instructor 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](http://yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

Custom Art Classes: Our custom art programs are a fun, accessible way to get to know Yosemite. Spend some time exploring nature through drawing, painting, sketching and journaling or kids art. [Yosemite.org/custom-art-classes](http://Yosemite.org/custom-art-classes)

Looking for ways to connect with Yosemite from home? Contact us to schedule a virtual adventure: [adventures@yosemite.org](mailto:adventures@yosemite.org). or a virtual art class: [art@yosemite.org](mailto:art@yosemite.org)

#### Art Classes

Professional artists offer beginner-level instruction at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, helping visitors explore Yosemite through art. Most classes are held outdoors, painting or drawing Yosemite's views. See page 4 for scheduled programs.

#### Take the Valley Floor Tram Tour

On April 8, the Valley Floor Tour, a 26-mile, two hour tram tour narrated by a park ranger, will begin departing from Yosemite Valley Lodge, *weather permitting*. For more information or to make reservations, call 209/372-1240 or inquire at any Tour and Activity Desks. *See page 5 for tour desk hours.*

### Not Available or Modified Services this Spring

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 closed. Camp 4 is now available to first come, first served camping.

Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are currently closed until further notice

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System has resumed operations, with a modified shuttle route.

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/playourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/playourvisit/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](http://www.recreation.gov)

**Lodging Reservations**  
(888) 413-8869  
[www.travelyosemite.com](http://www.travelyosemite.com)  
Group Sales Office: (888) 339-3481

## Regional Info

**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)**  
[www.yarts.com](http://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](http://www.tcvb.com)

**Highway 41**  
**Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau**  
(559) 683-4636; [www.yosemitethisyear.com](http://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](http://www.yosemite-gateway.org)

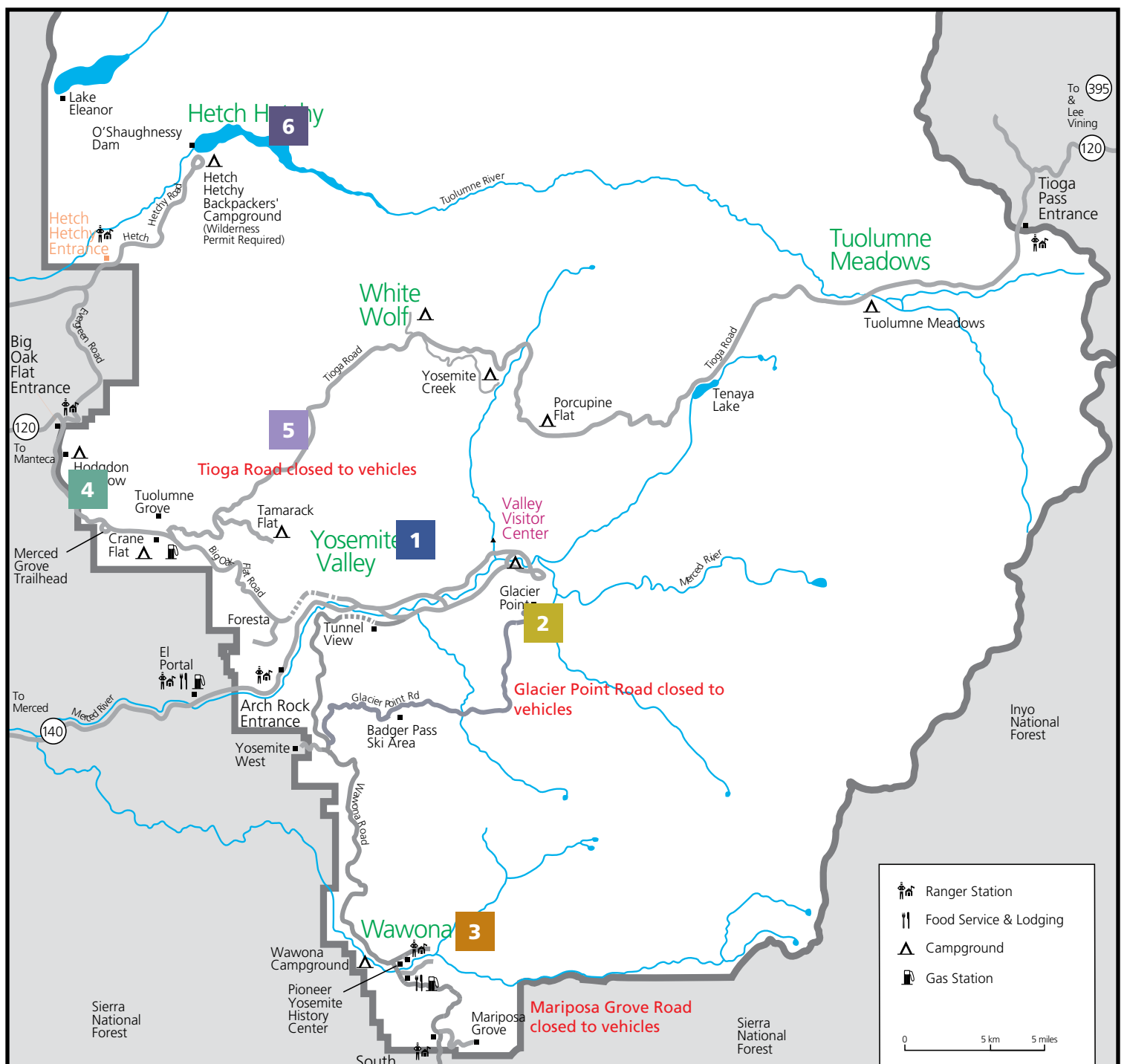
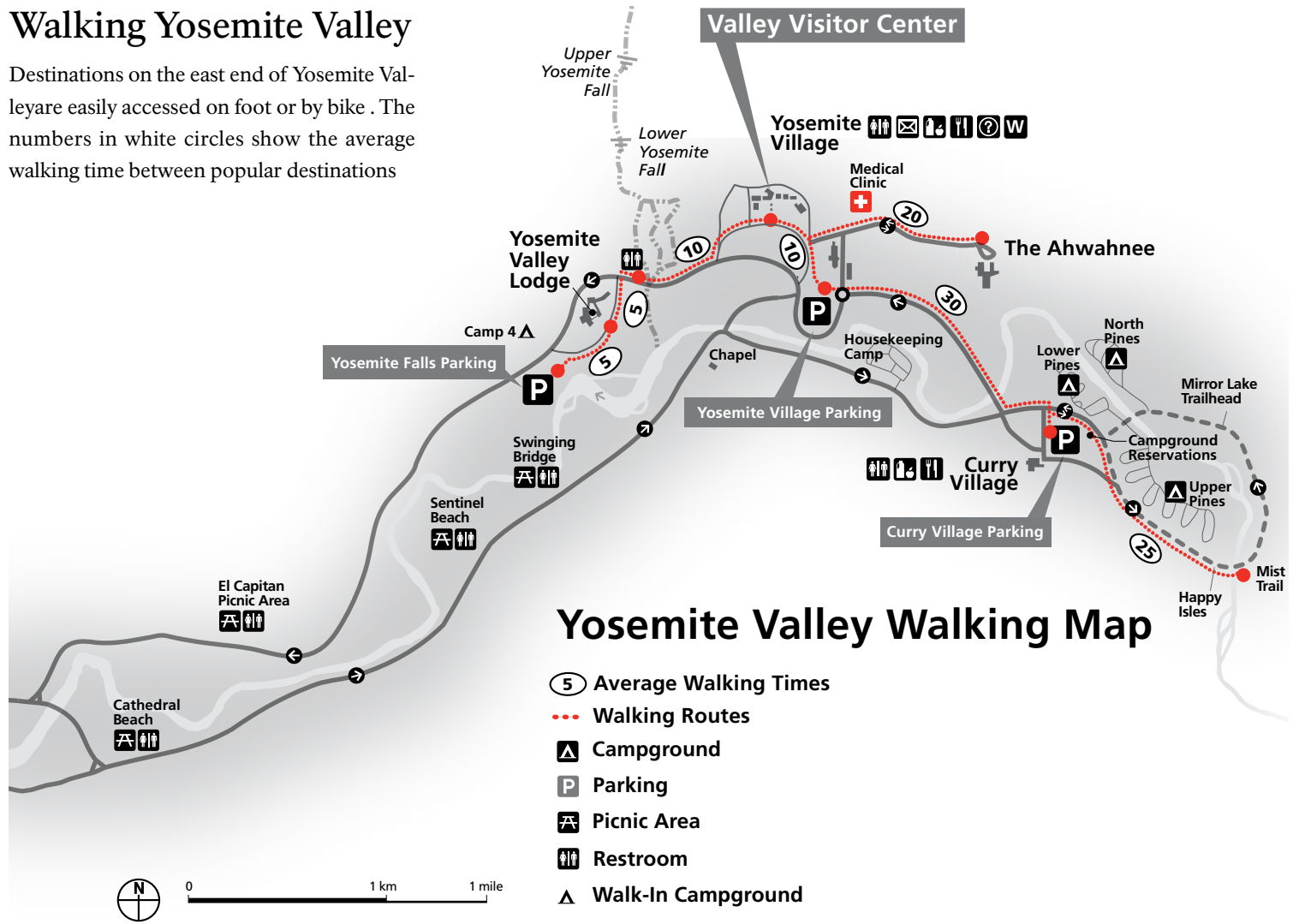
**Mariposa County Visitor Center**  
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081

**Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau**  
(209) 742-4567; [www.yosemite.com](http://www.yosemite.com)

**Highway 120 East**  
**Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center**,  
(760) 647-6629, [www.leevining.com](http://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 or car, 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 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.

## 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. 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.

RECREATION.gov

### Buy Your Site Pass on Recreation.gov

Purchase your Yosemite National Park site pass on Recreation.gov before you arrive. Your site pass can easily be downloaded on your phone or tablet, or be printed to be displayed when you arrive. Learn more at <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74296>



Wild flowers in Yosemite Valley. NPS Image / Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Image / Sarah Gulick



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. NPS Image / Jeffrey Trust



Cathedral Peak. NPS Image



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Image



# Yosemite Valley

## Programs, Art, and Exhibits

### Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station is available near the visitor center for information and updates. Hours are from 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will operate as an outdoor “to-go” store, from 9am to 4:30pm.

### YOSEMITE THEATER AND MUSEUM

Closed Winter of 2022

### 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 use. Located behind Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

### Yosemite Conservancy

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

### UPCOMING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Apr 9 & 10 Yosemite Field School: Teach the Teachers in Yosemite Valley  
 Apr 30 - Birding: Intro Weekend in Yosemite Valley  
 May 1 Yosemite Valley  
 May 7 Day Hike: Nature Journaling in Yosemite Valley

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



Image taken during an *In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography* class led by The Ansel Adams Gallery.

### UPCOMING ART PROGRAMS

Get creative in Yosemite Valley! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, children’s art activities, or the nature exhibit. Pre-registration recommended for art classes, drop-ins welcome. Opens April 4, 9am to 4pm daily. See walking map on page 2.

Art Classes: Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm:  
 Apr 4-8 Watercolor with Casey Chevront  
 Apr 11-15 Watercolor with Steve Curl  
 Apr 18-22 Watercolor with Jo-Neal Graves  
 Apr 25-29 Watercolor with Rachel Fisher  
 May 2-6 Mosaics with Denise Davidson

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 3pm. 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](http://anseladams.com/photographyeducation). Located in Yosemite Village.

### CURRENT EXHIBITION

**Ephemeral Beauty: New Paintings by James McGrew**  
 February 27, 2022 - April 23, 2022

Yosemite’s success story owes much to the romantics of the nineteenth century, whose photographs and paintings helped bare the conservation movement.

With his own dedicated approach, en plein air and on elaborate studio canvases, painter James McGrew has continued this tradition. Running through April 23, 2022, “Ephemeral Beauty: New Paintings by James McGrew” will continue this tradition in Yosemite, with a nod to the past and an eye on the future.

### FUTURE EXHIBITION

**Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb**  
 April 24, 2022 - June 4, 2022

A new chapter is a time for reflection and anticipation. As we roll into spring, The Ansel Adams Gallery will welcome a new artist to our walls: Charlotte Gibb. Not far from her home near San Francisco, Mrs. Gibb has been exploring the Sierra for years, quietly but fervently creating an amazing body of work that has a familiar but distinct vision. Her very lyrical and dreamlike compositions reflect on the landscape as one might their own backyard, as comforting and familiar, but provide a sense of wonder akin to a storybook seeped in fantasy and adventure.

*Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb* will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery on April 24, and run through June 4, 2022, and we hope you will visit us to begin this new chapter.

### BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Complete the activities that are the best fit for you in the below 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
7:30am	<b>Yosemite Valley Bird Walk</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
9:00am	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs	Yosemite Valley				X				
9:00am	<b>Ansel Adams’ Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs	Yosemite Valley		X						
9:00am	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
9:00am	<b>Demystifying Digital Exposure</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	2 hrs	Yosemite Valley								X
9:00am	<b>Daily Art Class</b> Meet at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a> . \$ (YC)	4 hrs	Yosemite Valley	Except Mar 30-Apr 1		X	X	X	X	X	
9:00am	<b>Wow, Wawona! A Colorful Cultural History Stroll</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs.	Wawona	Except Apr 3	X						
10:30am	<b>Yosemite Valley Bird Walk</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
12:00pm	<b>Wawona Wander: Tales From Days Gone By</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs	Wawona	Except Apr 3	X						
1:00pm	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs	Yosemite Valley			X					
1:00pm	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Register in advance at <a href="http://www.anseladams.com">www.anseladams.com</a> . \$ (TAAG)	3hrs	Yosemite Valley						X		X
6:00pm	<b>Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2hrs	Yosemite Valley							X	X
9:00pm	<b>Explore Yosemite Valley’s Night Sky</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	1hr	Yosemite Valley					X	X	X	X



# Services in Yosemite

## Schedule



The Village Grill in Yosemite Village will open for the season on April 15, 2022. NPS Image

Hours listed are core hours and may be extended during peak visitation.

### Food and Drink

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen  
7am to 11am, 11:30am to 6pm  
Village Grill  
11am to 6pm, beginning Apr 15

#### THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm,  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
Sunday Brunch:  
8am to 2pm, beginning Apr 17  
Advance reservations available for hotel guests. Call 209/372-1489 to inquire about same-day reservations.

#### The Ahwahnee Bar

Mon-Thur: 2pm to 9pm,  
Fri-Sun: 12pm to 10pm

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery  
Starbucks Coffee: *Closed for the season*  
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:30am  
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm

#### Mountain Room Bar

5pm to 9:30pm

#### Mountain Room Restaurant

Wed-Sun: 5pm to 9pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Seven Tents Pavilion  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 5pm (*Grab n' Go*)  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

#### Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm, beginning Apr 15

#### Bar 1899

2pm to 9pm,  
11am to 10pm beginning Apr 15

#### Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm, beginning May 6

#### Coffee Corner

Wed-Sun: 6:30am to 11am,  
Mon/Tue: Closed

#### WAWONA AREA

#### Wawona Hotel and Dining

Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 2pm  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

#### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (The Chapel)

Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore  
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org  
Sunday Service: 9:15am

11am Memorial Day-Labor Day

#### EASTER WEEK:

Maunder Thursday Service (April 14): 7pm  
Good Friday (April 15): Noon and 7pm  
Easter Sunday (April 17):  
Lower Pines Campground 7am  
The Chapel 9:15am and 11am

#### MARRIAGE RENEWAL SUNDAY:

May 1 9:15am and 11am

#### MOTHER'S DAY (May 8): 9:15am

\*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 VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 6pm,

8am to 10pm beginning Apr 15

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm, beginning Apr 8

#### WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 6pm,

8am to 8pm beginning Apr 14

#### EL PORTAL

El Portal Market

9am to 7pm

### Gas and Service Stations

#### EL PORTAL 8am to 5pm beginning Apr 1

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

#### WAWONA SERVICE STATION

9am to 6pm, 8am to 6pm beginning

May 6, Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

#### CRANE FLAT

8am to 7pm beginning Apr 15

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card,

### 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 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 5pm

#### Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm beginning Apr 4

#### The Ansel Adams Gallery

10am to 3pm

#### THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop

8am to 9pm

#### Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 6pm,

8am to 10pm beginning Apr 15

#### Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

#### WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

#### MARIPOSA GROVE WELCOME PLAZA

The Depot 9am to 5pm beginning Apr 7

### Recreation

#### BIKE RENTALS beginning Apr 8

Curry Village 8am to 7pm

Yosemite Village 8am to 7pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge 8am to 7pm

#### TOUR/ACTIVITY DESK beginning Apr 8

Curry Village 7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Village Store 8am to 7pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge 7:30am to 7pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountaineering School

8:30am to 12pm, 1pm to 4:30pm,

beginning Apr 15

### Other Services

#### MEDICAL CLINIC - Yosemite Valley

(209) 372-4637

For emergency care CALL 9-1-1

Mon-Fri: 9am to 12pm; 1pm to 5pm,

Closed weekends and federal holidays

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Garage 8am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Laundry 8am to 10pm, beginning Apr 8

Shower 7am to 10pm, beginning Apr 8

#### VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

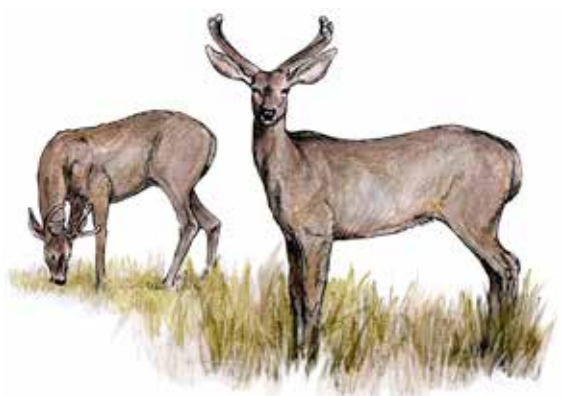
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The Ahwahnee (one Tesla/one level 1)

Village Store (one level 2)

Yosemite Valley Lodge (eight level 2)

El Portal Gas Station (two level 2)





# Hiking



Mist Trail, 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.

### WALKS/HIKES TO DO IN WAWONA

#### 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 interpretive signs explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world.

#### 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. Expect a two-mile, one-way walk to reach the grove. Interpretive signs provide a self-guiding tour once in the grove.

### HIKES IN CRANE FLAT

#### 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. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road 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. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. 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. 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 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. 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.



A tunnel tree in Tuolumne Grove. NPS Photo

## 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

### Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. 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](http://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. The additional 40% of each trailhead quota will be released online by general on sale, 7 days in advance of the trip start date. Any unreserved permits may be available day of only, in person at a wilderness center during business hours. For every permit lottery application, advanced reservation, general on sale permit, and in person walk-up permit there is a non-refundable \$10 permit fee. For each confirmed permit and walk-up permit, there is an additional non-refundable \$5 per person fee. To reach the Wilderness Reservation staff, use [www.yosemite.org/contact-us](http://www.yosemite.org/contact-us) (preferred) at any time or call 209-372-0740, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit: [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking) and [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org).

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY

The Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open April 29 and be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until April 29, wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads only can be obtained by self-registration in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Bear canisters are available to rent or buy at the Yosemite Valley Bookstore.

#### 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.



Upper Pines Campground campsite, Yosemite Valley. NPS Image

#### 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 winter trailheads only are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame through April 3, conditions permitting. Once Badger Pass closes, the Glacier Point Road will not reopen until 2023.

#### HETCH HETCHY

The Hetch Hetchy Road is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the entrance station kiosk until April 9. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Beginning April 10, wilderness permits, and bear canister rentals will be available at the entrance station.

### Half Dome Permit Information

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week, May 27 through October 11, *conditions permitting*. The preseason lottery closed, and results will be available mid-April. Additional day use permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season. Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between, midnight and 4pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies and a use fee applies to winning applicants. A daily quota of Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

### Camping

#### NOTICE!

Frontcountry camping is only permitted in designated campsites. Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.

For the 2022 season, the following campgrounds will be open: Upper Pines, Lower Pines and North Pines, Camp 4 (first come, first serve until May 20), Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf and Yosemite Creek. For more information on campground opening dates, visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground).

Most campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time; check [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) for site-specific release dates. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as most campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

Beginning May 20 through September 30, Camp 4 will be available via per-person, one day in advance lottery on [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov), and each site will be assigned to six individuals.

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

### 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 available in Housekeeping Camp.
- 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: Returnable 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:

- Purchase a canister.
- Use up the fuel.
- Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program (which uses green Flameking 1 lb. tanks).
- 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 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...



The top of Vernal Fall in Spring. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai

## A SEASON OF TRANSITION

Spring weather is some of our finest for enjoying outdoor activities. Nevertheless, cold fronts can bring snow as low as the Valley floor well into May. The higher country is noticeably cooler. In summary, while you are likely to enjoy pleasant weather, check the latest forecast and be prepared for cold and wet conditions and always be ready to add layers of clothing to stay warm and dry.

## RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rain and melting snow fill our rivers and streams to their greatest volume and flow velocity in spring, creating beautiful accents in sight and sound to Yosemite's landscape. Do not be fooled. 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. The granite rocks in and near the water are slippery. 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. *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.*

## YOSEMITE'S TRAILS

Know before you go! Some trails and trail segments may be closed due to weather or other hazards, check ahead at the 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.

## 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

Snow and ice, while less frequent than late winter, remain a possibility. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 +1 for current road conditions and restrictions. See page 3 for chain control information. Also, rock fall occurs throughout the year and wildlife, including deer and bears, can all create driving hazards. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pulloffs and parking areas.

## 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 snacks.
- 10 hiking essentials – includes sunglasses, sunscreen, a signaling 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



Black bear in Yosemite Valley. 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](mailto:yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov). For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit [www.keepbearswild.org](http://www.keepbearswild.org).

## 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 on roads open to cars, as well as on Happy Isles Road and Mirror Lake Road. They are not allowed on bike paths or trails.

### FISHING

Stream and river fishing in Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is closed from November 15 to April 24. 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](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm).

## 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?
<b>Your Vehicle</b>	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!
<b>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</b>	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.
<b>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</b>	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.
<b>Backpacking in the Wilderness</b>	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.

## 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



# Staying Safe in Yosemite:

## How You Can Prevent Search and Rescues



Left: Swift Water Rescue Training conducted during high spring runoff. NPS Image/AI Golub; Middle: Search and Rescue in Yosemite Valley. NPS Image; Right: Rescuers assist a climber. Image by Friends of YOSAR

### 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.

What draws you to Yosemite National Park? Is it the stunning scenery? Or the park’s many outdoor recreational opportunities? Yosemite certainly offers some of the finest scenery and recreation anywhere. However, the very features that draw us to this outdoor paradise can also pose a threat to our safety and health.

Every year, trained park rangers respond to more than 200 Search and Rescue (SAR) calls within the park. SARs range from dehydrated hikers to water emergencies to ground level falls to lost hikers. The park contains hazards of which not every visitor is aware, so the constant that remains is that you are responsible for your safety.

Being proactive in your safety awareness can prevent a reactive SAR. Here are a few tips to remember. Stay on the trail or developed areas. Yosemite’s most serious injuries occur when someone leaves the trail. Hikers sometimes abandon the trail to approach Yosemite’s unforgiving waters. Accidental slips too close to the water have caused disastrous consequences. Other hikers have left the trail to seek a shortcut and have become lost or ended up in dangerously steep terrain. Off trail

travel is not only dangerous but it also permanently damages vegetation. Trails promote safety and protect our scenery.

*“Do not let your brain write checks that your body cannot cash”*

Another tip is to always have plenty of water and salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Yosemite’s most common SAR calls are from hikers who are dehydrated, exhausted, or have taken a fall that resulted in sprained, dislocated, or broken bones. Ground level falls are probably secondary to diminished physical performance from being dehydrated or exhausted. Although most of these on-trail SARs are not life threatening, they are miserable and often extremely painful experiences and a sure recipe to have a negative impact on an otherwise perfect vacation.

How do you avoid becoming one of Yosemite’s on-trail SAR statistics? Drink lots of water. One quart or liter of water for every two to three hours of physical

activity is reasonable but do not ration water and when your water is half gone, your hike should be past the half way point. Also, hike within your physical limitations. Do not let your brain write checks that your body cannot cash; the fastest and fittest person should not set the pace.

The most important measure you can take is your preparation before you start out for your activity. There is plenty of easy to locate Yosemite information in the visitor centers, book stores, and reliable websites including the Yosemite website at <https://www.nps.gov/yose>. Goals are fine but how much effort is it going to take to reach your destination and what will you need to pack? It is important to know distance but also know how much elevation you need to gain; the higher up you are, the faster you will tire, which will degrade your performance and judgment. Always check the latest weather forecast. Did you leave your hiking plan, which includes your route, destination, and when you are due to return, with a reliable person? Just a little pre-planning for your park adventure can make a big difference between a good or bad experience.



SAR Helicopter Rescue. Image by Friends of YOSAR



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://yosemite.org) or 415/434-1782.

## Contact Us

### Yosemite National Park

PO Box 577  
9039 Village Drive  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
(209) 372-0200  
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/contacts.htm>

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

PO Box 455  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
(209) 372-4413  
(209) 372-4714 fax  
[www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)

### Yosemite Hospitality L.L.C.

PO Box 306  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
(888) 413-8869  
[www.travelyosemite.com](http://www.travelyosemite.com)

### Yosemite Conservancy

101 Montgomery Street,  
Suite 245  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
(415) 434-1782  
(415) 329-2374 fax  
[www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org)

### NatureBridge

PO Box 487  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
(209) 379-9511  
(209) 379-9510 fax  
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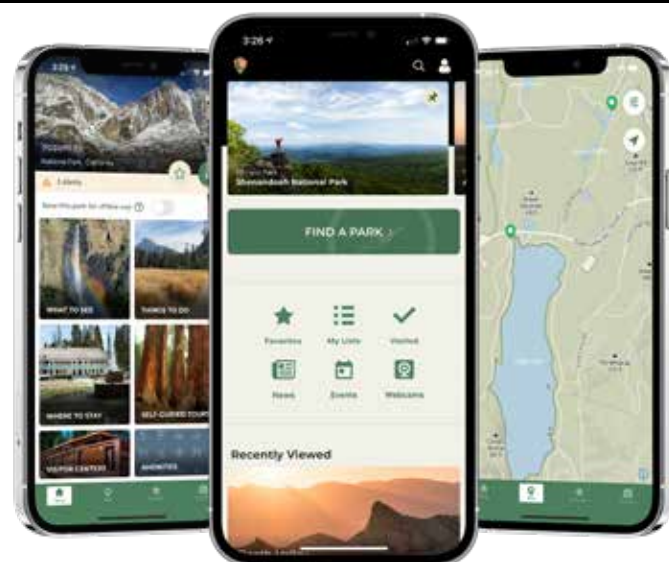
## Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

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](http://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](mailto:yose_lostandfound@nps.gov)

## National Park Service App



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