



# What You Need to Know

## Parking & Congestion



### Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends.

Expect long lines at entrance stations. On the busiest days, parking areas can fill by mid-morning.

Plan to arrive before 9 am and leave after 5 pm.

Once you find a place to park, stay parked. Use the valley's free shuttles to get around. See page 6 for shuttle routes.

Plan for delays and use restrooms when available.

## Flooding & Park Closures



Due to historic winter snowpack, it is very likely that the Merced River will reach flood stage off and on from late April through early July. At this stage, roads and other critical infrastructure begin flooding, making it unsafe for visitors to be in Yosemite Valley. Partial or full park closures are possible at any time.

The Merced River in Yosemite Valley is likely to remain high into mid-July. This means that the river will be unsafe for swimming, rafting, and floating. Picnic areas along the river may close or have limited space.

## Protect Wildlife—and Yourself



**Speeding kills bears.** More Yosemite bears are killed by cars than any other human-related cause of death. In almost every case, the driver was speeding. The speed limit in Yosemite never exceeds 35 mph, and some areas have lower speed limits posted. Drive carefully and watch for wildlife on the road.

**It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite.** Getting too close is dangerous for both to you and the animal. Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Getting used to human food causes animals to lose their natural behaviors, and they can become more aggressive toward people. Enjoy watching wildlife from a safe distance.



**DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 30 feet = about one bus-length.**

## Entering a National Park



Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. 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.

Regulations are in place to protect park resources and for your safety.

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

### Prohibited activities include:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants, reptiles, or butterflies
- Hunting animals
- 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
- Using drones

## Food Storage

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it. Allowing a wild animal to eat your food is harmful to the animal, can cause damage to your property, and can result in a hefty fine.

### During the Day

While hiking or picnicking, always keep your food within arm's reach. When you are away from your vehicle, keep all windows closed and any food or coolers hidden from sight. Never leave food in a pickup truck bed or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

### At Night

Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food. Food, trash, and other scented items may **NOT** be stored inside vehicles overnight. These items must be kept inside a food locker, in an approved bear resistant container, or in a hotel room or cabin. Food may also be stored inside a completely hard-sided RV with all windows and vents closed.

For more information about food storage and bears, visit [www.KeepBearsWild.org](http://www.KeepBearsWild.org)

**If you see a bear in the park,** email [yose\\_bear\\_mgmt@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov) or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322.

## Visitor & Emergency Services

### Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies.

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open Mon through Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Urgent care walk-ins from 1 pm to 3:30 pm with out-of-pocket fees. Phone: 209/372-4637

### Road, Weather, & Park Information

Check road updates: 209/372-0200

### Yosemite Village Garage

Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30 pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: 209/372-1060

### Lost & Found

For 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.

### 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, view online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://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.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at any visitor center.

Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

## Where is My Pet Allowed in Yosemite?



Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except where signs prohibit pets), and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds and group campgrounds. Pets must be restrained on a leash not more than six feet long and may not be left unattended. Other regulations also apply.

Pets are **NOT** allowed on shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

## Park Partners



## Keep in Touch

[www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)

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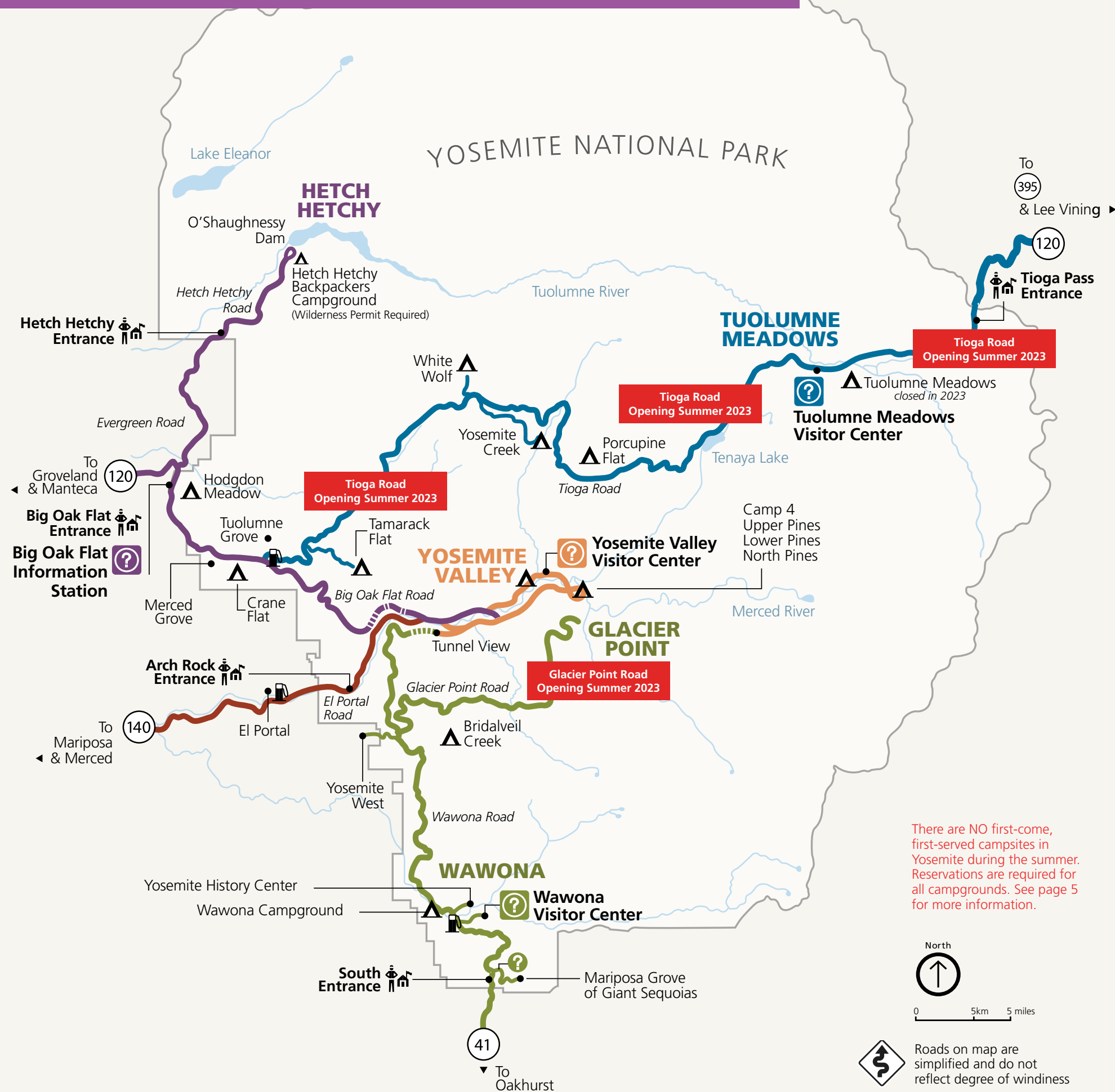
## Enjoy your visit!





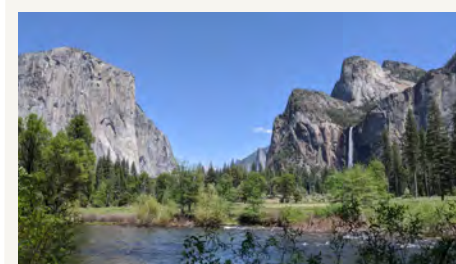
Historic winter snowfall has delayed seasonal opening dates for some park roads and facilities.

To check current conditions, including seasonal road closures, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/conditions](http://go.nps.gov/conditions).



NOTE: There are only 2 gas stations in the park and NO GAS in Yosemite Valley.

- Yosemite Valley Visitor Center | 9am to 5pm
- New! Yosemite Valley Welcome Center | Opening Summer 2023
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio | 9 am to 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station | 8 am to 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center | Re-opening Summer 2023



## Yosemite Valley

Known for its towering granite walls and features like El Capitan and Half Dome, the valley is alive in spring and early summer with numerous roaring waterfalls. Visitors can choose from a number of scenic trails to walk, hike, or bicycle. Other popular activities include rock climbing and rafting (when conditions allow.) Enjoy a variety of ranger talks, tours, and art and photography classes. See page 8 for a schedule of programs.

### Road Conditions

Traffic congestion is common in Yosemite Valley, especially during spring and summer and on weekends. Arrive early in the morning to find parking, then take advantage of the valley's free shuttles to spend more time enjoying the park.



## Crane Flat & Tuolumne Grove

Visit two sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove, or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

### Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

### Road Conditions

The Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) remains open year-round.



## Mariposa Grove & Wawona

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias, including the Grizzly Giant. Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, near Yosemite's South Entrance. Take a free shuttle up to the grove, or follow the 2-mile Washburn Trail. There are several miles of walking and hiking trails within the grove.

Stop in Wawona for more hiking, visitor services, and to visit the Yosemite History Center.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

### Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

### Road Conditions

Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year-round. Shuttle service on the Mariposa Grove Road is expected to begin in late spring.



Photo by Christine W Loberg

What Should I Do in Yosemite?

## A Ranger Recommends:

### If you're visiting Yosemite for half a day:

Take a scenic stroll around one of Yosemite Valley's meadows and visit Lower Yosemite Fall.

Stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, and Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

### If you're visiting Yosemite for a full day:

Spend a couple of hours hiking to Mirror Lake or the Vernal Fall footbridge.

Take a Yosemite Valley Floor Tour. (See page 9.)

Enjoy a scenic bicycle ride around the valley's bike paths.

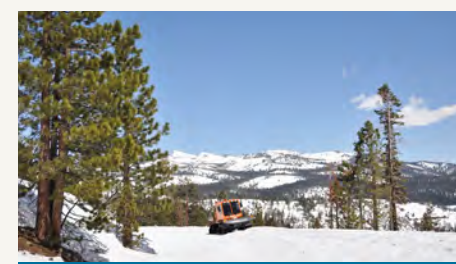
### If you're visiting Yosemite for two or more days:

Hike a section of the Valley Loop Trail, or choose a more strenuous hike, like the Yosemite Falls Trail or Mist Trail to Nevada Fall.

Visit giant sequoias at the Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove.

Join a ranger talk or sign up for an art or photography class. (See page 8 for a program schedule.)

Visit Hetch Hetchy. Hike along the reservoir to Wapama Falls.



## Tuolumne Meadows & Tioga Road

### Road Conditions

Re-opening Summer 2023. Ask a ranger or call 209/372-0200 (1,1) for current road status.

Due to its high elevation, Tioga Road is closed each year from approximately November through May or June. Opening is delayed this year due to historic snowpack. In April 2023, snowpack in the Tuolumne River basin was 244% of average, the highest ever recorded. In previous years with heavy snowpack, Tioga Road opened in late June or early July. At the time of publication, there is no estimated opening date.

When the road is open, services in this remote area of the park will be very limited.



## Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and offers many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn, winter, and spring, though it is typically very hot during summer.

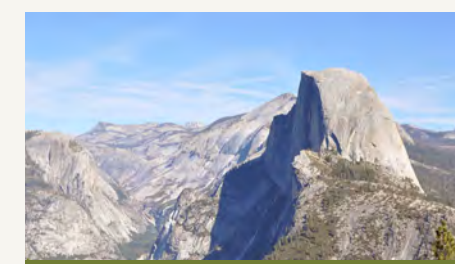
**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
40 mi/64 km (1 1/2 hours)

### Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road.

### Road Conditions

The road is open daily from 8 am to 9 pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



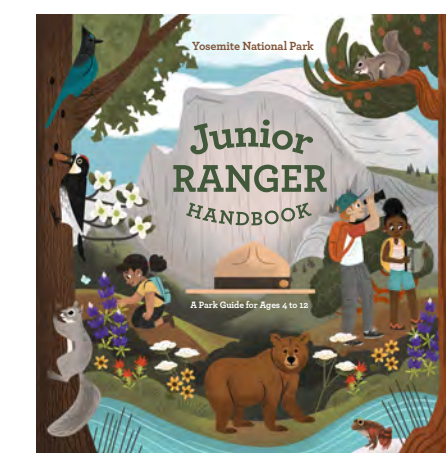
## Glacier Point Road

### Road Conditions

Re-opening Summer 2023. Ask a ranger or call 209/372-0200 (1,1) for current road status.

Glacier Point Road is closed each year from approximately November through May or June. Opening in 2023 is delayed due to road construction. At the time of publication, there is no estimated opening date.

Once open, expect 30-minute delays as the road project concludes.



## Visiting Yosemite with kids?

Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at any open visitor center. Complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!



Due to severe impacts from historic winter storms, seasonal opening dates and operating hours are subject to change.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm

**Yosemite Museum**  
10 am to 4 pm

**Wilderness Center**  
8 am to 5 pm

**Happy Isles Art & Nature Center**  
9 am to 4 pm, *may close for lunch*

**Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**  
10 am to 4 pm  
*Closed Mon & Tues*

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

**Tour and Activity Desk**  
7:30 am to 7 pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

**Mountaineering School**  
8:30 am to 12 pm, 1 to 4:30 pm

**Raft Rentals**  
*Conditions permitting*  
10 am to 4 pm

### BIKE RENTALS

**Yosemite Village (Village Store)**  
8 am to 7 pm

**Yosemite Valley Lodge**  
8 am to 7 pm

**Curry Village**  
7:30 am to 3:30 pm

### SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

**Laundry**  
8 am to 10 pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

**Showers**  
24 hours

### AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

**Yosemite Village Garage**  
24-hour roadside assistance.  
Call 209/372-1060  
*No gas available in Yosemite Valley.*

### POST OFFICE

**Yosemite Village Post Office**  
Mon – Fri: 8:30am to 5pm  
Sat: 10am to noon

### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
9 am to 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm

**Yosemite Museum Store**  
10 am to 4 pm, *closed for lunch*

**Village Store**  
8 am to 10 pm

#### THE AHWAHNEE

**Gift Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm

**Sweet Shop**  
7 am to 9 pm

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

**Gift Shop**  
8 am to 10 pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

**Yosemite Mountain Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm

**Gift & Grocery**  
8 am to 10 pm

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

**Grocery**  
8 am to 8 pm

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Degnan's Kitchen**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 11 am  
Lunch: 11:30 am to 6 pm  
*Peet's coffee, pastries, light breakfast, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items.*  
*Indoor & outdoor seating.*

**Village Grill**  
11:00 am to 6 pm  
*Fast casual, burgers & sandwiches.*  
*Outdoor seating.*

#### THE AHWAHNEE

**Coffee Bar**  
7 am to 10 am

**The Ahwahnee Bar**  
11 am to 9 pm  
*Casual dining & signature cocktails.*  
*Indoor & outdoor seating.*

**Ahwahnee Dining Room**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am  
Dinner: 5:30 pm to 9 pm  
*Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.*  
*Dinner reservations strongly recommended. Call 209/372-1489 or visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).*

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

**Base Camp Eatery**  
Breakfast: 6:30 am to 10:45 am  
Lunch/Dinner: 11 am to 9 pm  
*Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.*

**Mountain Room Lounge**  
Mon – Fri: 4:30 pm to 10 pm  
Sat & Sun: 12 pm to 10 pm  
*Beer on tap, signature cocktails, & appetizers.*  
*Indoor & outdoor seating.*

**Mountain Room Restaurant**  
Dinner: 5 pm to 10 pm  
*Upscale casual dining.*  
*Reservations recommended.*  
*Visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com).*

#### CURRY VILLAGE

**Peet's Coffee Corner**  
6 am to 2 pm  
*Espresso beverages, pastries, & light breakfast. Indoor seating.*

**Seven Tents Pavilion**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am  
Dinner: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
*Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.*

**Jennie's Ice Cream**  
11 am to 8:30 pm

**Meadow Grill**  
11 am to 8 pm  
*Fast casual taqueria.*  
*Outdoor seating.*

**Pizza Deck**  
11 am to 10 pm  
*Pizza whole & by the slice.*  
*Outdoor seating.*

**Bar 1899**  
11:30 am to 10 pm  
*Beer on tap, signature cocktails, & appetizers. Indoor seating.*

## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
9 am to 5 pm

**Yosemite History Center**  
Open daily

### ACTIVITIES

*Conditions permitting*

**Golf Course & Disc Golf**  
Regular Golf: Thurs – Mon  
8 am to 6 pm  
Disc Golf: Tues & Wed  
12 pm to 6 pm

**Tennis Courts**  
8 am to Dusk

**Stable**  
2-hour rides daily at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, & 2 pm. All-day rides Thursdays at 8 am. *Conditions permitting.*

### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

**Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza**  
9 am to 5 pm

### GAS STATION

**Wawona Service Station**  
8 am to 6 pm  
*Diesel & propane available. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

### POST OFFICE

**Wawona Post Office**  
Mon - Fri: 9 am to 1 pm  
Sat: 9 am to noon

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am  
Lunch: 11 am to 3 pm  
Dinner: 5 pm to 9 pm  
Lounge Service: 5 pm to 9:30 pm

**Summer BBQ**  
5 pm to 7 pm  
*Every Saturday + Father's Day (June 18) & July 4*

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand**  
*Opens July 1*  
7 am to 6 pm

## CRANE FLAT & BIG OAK FLAT

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Big Oak Flat Information Center**  
8 am to 5 pm

### GIFTS

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
9 am to 5 pm  
*Closed Wed & Thurs*

### GAS & GROCERY

**Crane Flat Gas & Grocery**  
8 am to 5 pm  
*24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

#### EL PORTAL

### GROCERY

**El Portal Market**  
9 am to 7 pm

### GAS STATION

**El Portal Service Station**  
8 am to 5 pm  
*24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

#### GLACIER POINT

*At the time of publication, there is no set opening date for Glacier Point Road or services at Glacier Point.*

**Glacier Point Gift Shop**  
*Opening Summer 2023*

**Glacier Point Snack Stand**  
*Opening Summer 2023*

### TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

*At the time of publication, there is no set opening date for Tioga Road or services in Tuolumne Meadows.*

**White Wolf Lodge**  
*Closed in 2023*

**High Sierra Camps**  
*Closed in 2023*

**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge**  
*Closed in 2023*

**Tuolumne Meadows Grill**  
*TBD*

**Tuolumne Meadows Store**  
*TBD*

**Tuolumne Meadows Post Office**  
*TBD*

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center & Bookstore**  
*TBD*

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,  
Resident Minister  
209/372-4831  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)

**CHAPEL SERVICES**  
Sundays at 9:15 am & 11 am

### Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: you can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including 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.
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 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.*

### YOSEMITE BIKE SHARE

The free Yosemite Bike Share is open for the season! You can use the bike share for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

1. **Get connected:** Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/iOS or Android in advance.

2. **Get a bike:** Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village Parking Area and on the Village mall (between the Valley Wilderness Center and the Valley Visitor Center).

3. **Get pedaling:** Ride safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.

Visit [yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share](http://yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share) to learn more about this program, see a map of bike paths and plan your routes.

## CAMPING & LODGING

### CAMPING

**There is NO first-come, first-served camping in Yosemite during the summer.** Reservations are available several months in advance. Campgrounds are usually full from April to September.

Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

**Campground Reservations**  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) (recommended) or 877/444-6777 (7 am to 9 pm PT)

#### OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

*Conditions permitting*

**In Yosemite Valley:**  
Camp 4 | *Reservations available one week in advance for May 21 to October 30. Tent camping only, no pets allowed.*

Upper Pines Campground  
Lower Pines Campground  
North Pines Campground

#### Outside of Yosemite Valley:

Hodgdon Meadow Campground  
Wawona Campground

#### CAMPGROUNDS OPENING IN SUMMER 2023

*Conditions permitting*

Bridalveil Creek Campground  
Crane Flat Campground  
Tamarack Flat Campground  
White Wolf Campground  
Yosemite Creek Campground  
Porcupine Flat Campground

#### CAMPGROUNDS CLOSED IN 2023

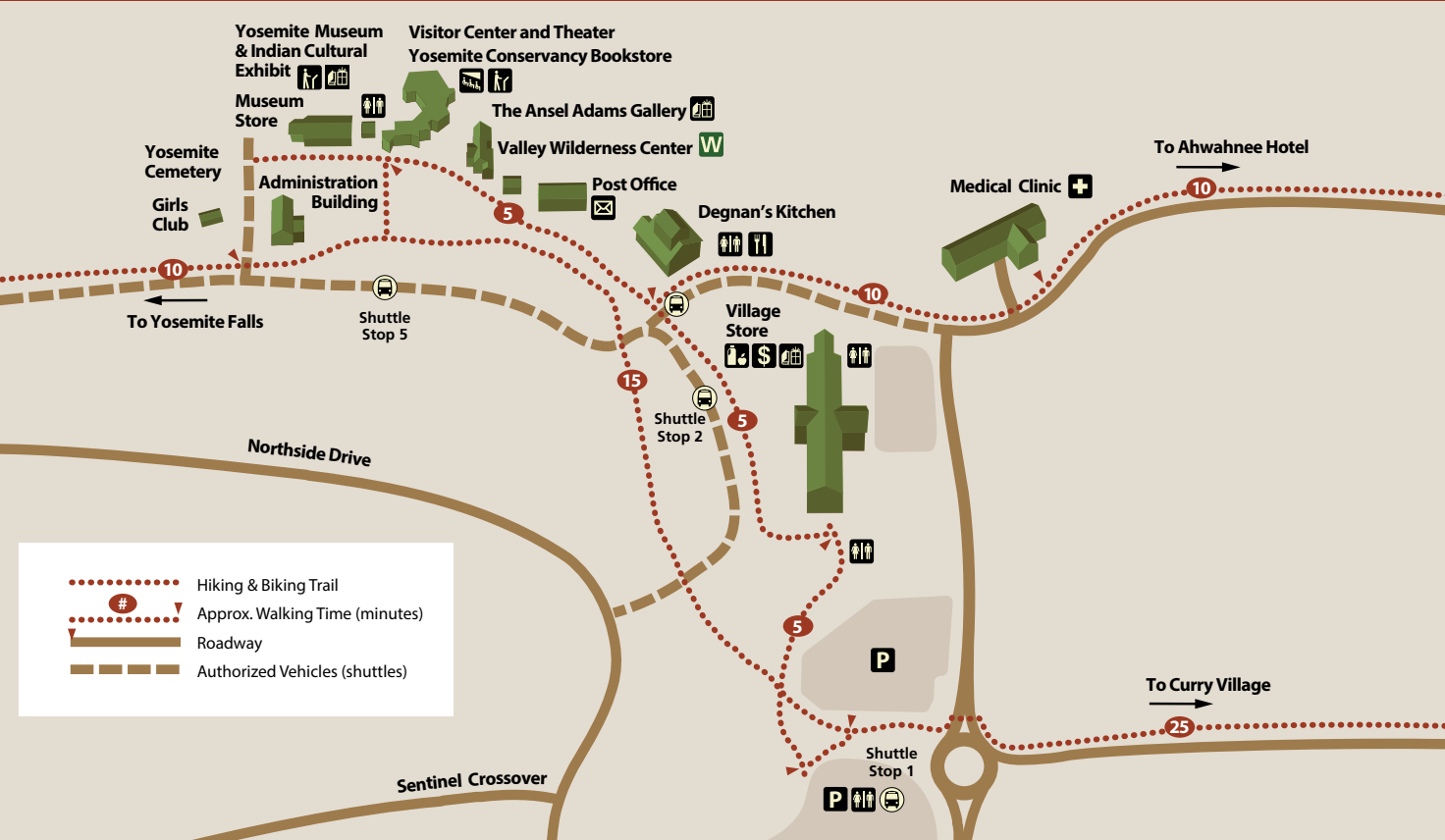
Tuolumne Meadows Campground

*Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not sleep overnight in a parking lot or along the side of the road.*

### LODGING

Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at [www.TravelYosemite.com](http://www.TravelYosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.

## Map of Yosemite Village



## Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.

Due to these historic projects, Ahwahnee parking lot space has been reduced. Parking is valet only with a \$30 nightly charge, \$15 day-use or \$10 with validation. This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.



# Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily and service stops in numerical order.

## Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

Services **ALL** stops.  
Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

## East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

**Temporarily Out of Service During Construction**

Due to construction on Sentinel Drive, East Valley Shuttles will be out of service from spring through fall of 2023. The Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) will continue to service all stops during construction.

Expect delays during busy periods.

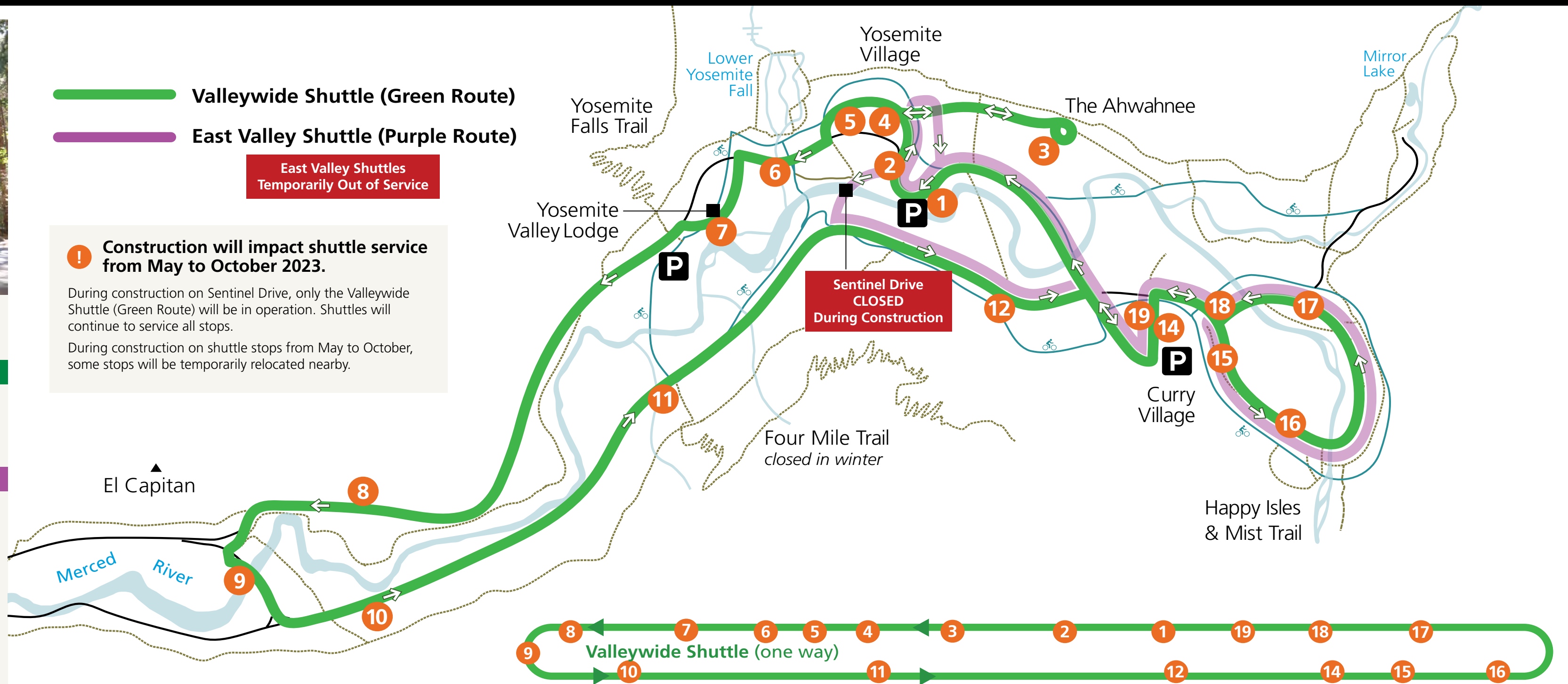
- Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)
- East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

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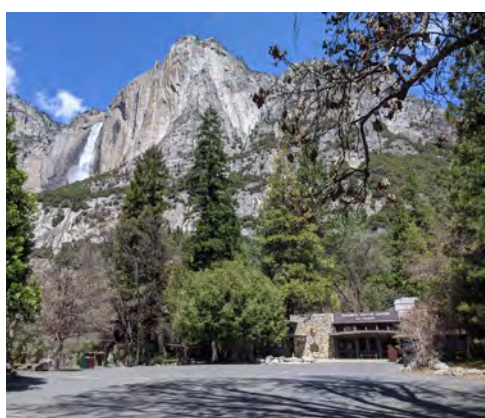
**Construction will impact shuttle service from May to October 2023.**

During construction on Sentinel Drive, only the Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) will be in operation. Shuttles will continue to service all stops.

During construction on shuttle stops from May to October, some stops will be temporarily relocated nearby.



## VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY



### 1 Yosemite Village Parking

**P** Parking area fills early. Once you find a spot, keep it, and use the free shuttle.  
Dining, shopping, and information are only a 5–10 minute walk from here.

### 2 Village Store

**🛒** Dining, Gift and Grocery  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

### 3 The Ahwahnee

**🍽️🛒🚽** Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop

### 4 Degnan's Kitchen

**🍽️🛒🚽** Dining, Gift and Grocery  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum



### 5 Visitor Center & Museum

**📺🎭🛒** Visitor Center, Theater, Museum  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Dining, Gift and Grocery

### 6 Lower Yosemite Fall

**🚶🍽️🚽** Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



### 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking

**🚶🛒🚽** Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

### 8 El Capitan Picnic Area

**🚶🍽️** Scenic View, Picnicking

### 9 El Capitan Meadow

**🚶** Scenic View

### 10 Cathedral Beach

**🚶🍽️🚽** Scenic View, Picnicking



### 11 Four Mile Trail

**🚶** Trailhead

### 12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

**🛒🚽🚶** Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Showers, Laundry

### 14 Curry Village (eastbound)

**🛒🚽🚶** Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers



### 15 Upper Pines Campground

**🚶🍽️🚽** Campground  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Trailhead Parking, Trailhead

### 16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail

**🚶🍽️🚽** Trailhead, Art & Nature Center



### 17 Mirror Lake

**🚶** Trailhead

### 18 Lower Pines Campground

**🚶** Campground, Amphitheater

### 19 Curry Village (Westbound)

**🛒🚽🚶** Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers

## YARTS

## Travel Recommendations

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park.

Buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS!



For more information, bus schedules, and tickets, visit [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.

- 🍽️** Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.
- P** Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion and can cause frustration for you and your passengers.
- 🚌** Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- 🕒** Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- 🗺️** Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.
- 🚶** Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.



# Events and Programs



Go to [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose) or the NPS app to see the web events calendar for more program information. Program offerings and hours are subject to change.



## Programs in Yosemite Valley

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
8:30 am	<b>Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Sun
8:30 am	<b>Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Tues & Fri
9 am	<b>Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Thurs
9 am	<b>Bike to Hike</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Curry Village Bike Pick-Up.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Mon, Wed, Sat
9 am	<b>Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at Yosemite.org/art.	\$	YC	4 hrs	Mon – Fri
9 am	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Space is extremely limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413. Reservations open three days in advance.		TAAG	1.5 hrs	Tues & Thurs
9 am	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Wed
9 am	<b>Climber Coffee</b> Meet with climbing rangers to discuss current climbing Leave No Trace practices and search and rescue information.		NPS	1 hr	Sun (Until June 25)
10 am	<b>Jr. Ranger Walk</b> Meet at Shuttle Stop #6.		NPS	1 hr	Daily
11 am	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space.		YC	1 hr	Mon – Thurs (Except 6/19 & 7/4)
11 am	<b>Nature Journaling</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an introduction to quick and easy nature journaling for all ages. Supplies provided!		YC	20 min	Fri
12:30 pm	<b>Ask a Climber: El Capitan</b> Climbing rangers will be stationed at El Capitan Meadow, near the bridge, to answer questions about big wall climbing. Drop in anytime between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.		NPS	4 hrs	Daily (Until July 2)
1 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space.		YC	1 hr	Mon – Thurs (Except 6/19 & 7/4)
1 pm	<b>Kids' Science Friday</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for a pop-up children's science program.		YC	15 min	Fri
1 pm	<b>Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Ahwahnee Front Desk. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Wed & Sat
1 pm	<b>Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Thurs
1 pm	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Sat
2 pm	<b>Bike to Hike</b> Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Curry Village Bike Pick-Up.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Thurs
2 pm	<b>Curry Village Historic Tour</b> Learn the rich history of Curry Village on this free walking tour. Meets at the Curry Village Amphitheater.		YH	1 hr	Daily
2 pm	<b>Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears</b> Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet at Shuttle Stop #6.		NPS	1.5 hrs	Wed, Fri, Sat
2 pm	<b>Jr. Ranger Discovery Table</b> Drop in between 2 and 4 pm to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle Stop #5).		NPS	2 hrs	Daily
2 pm	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Meet at the Mountain Room Lounge, register in advance at Yosemite.org/art.	\$	YC, YH	2 hrs	Fri
2:30 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space.		YC	1 hr	Mon – Thurs (Except 6/19 & 7/4)
4 pm	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle Stop #5).		NPS	15 min	Daily
4 pm	<b>Yosemite Nature Notes Short Films: Live with a Yosemite Conservancy Guide</b> Enjoy short films from the series <i>Yosemite Nature Notes</i> and a thought-provoking talk by a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist at the Yosemite Theater.		YC	1 hr	Wed – Mon (Except 6/21 & 7/15)
8:30 pm	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Explore the enchantment of Yosemite at night! Advanced registration is required. Tickets/info at <a href="http://travelyosemite.com">travelyosemite.com</a> .	\$	YH	1.5 hrs	Nightly
9 pm	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures.	\$	YC	2 hrs	Wed – Mon (Except 6/24 & 6/26)

## Programs in Wawona & Mariposa Grove

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
9 am	<b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, general park updates, and a Q&A session with one of our rangers. Drop-ins welcome!		NPS	1 hr	Sun & Wed
9:30 am	<b>Nature Walk: Mariposa Grove</b> Meet at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. <i>Allow time to ride the shuttle from the parking area to the grove.</i>		NPS	1.5 hrs	Daily
1:30 pm	<b>B.A.R.K. Ranger Walk</b> Meet across from Wawona Hotel at the Meadow Loop trailhead. Bring heat protective dog booties and training treats. Limit of 10 dogs, first come first served.		NPS	45 min	Wed & Sat
2:30 pm	<b>Jr. Ranger Walk</b> Meet at the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio.		NPS	45 min	Daily
8 pm	<b>Campfire Program</b> Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater. Bring your own s'mores supplies!		NPS	1 hr	Wed & Sat

## Special Programs & Events

EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
<b>Songs in the Key of Nature</b> Presented by Michael Bryant & Robin Pliskin, Northern California Musicians. Join Robin & Michael for a musical celebration of Nature's Beauty in Song.	Friday, June 16 8 pm to 9:30 pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop #12)
<b>Leave No Trace &amp; How to Utilize the Techniques</b> Presented by Mike Elliott, Leave No Trace Master Educator/Sierra Club Member Sierra Club Member & Volunteer, Mike introduces the methods & spirit behind keeping wilderness wild.	Friday, June 30 8 pm to 9:30 pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop #12)

- Programs especially for children and their families
- Programs with a fee
- National Park Service
- Yosemite Hospitality
- Yosemite Conservancy
- The Ansel Adams Gallery
- Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
- Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.
- Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.

## More Activities with Park Partners

### Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! 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.

### Custom Adventures

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule. Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. Learn more and sign up: [yosemite.org/custom-adventures](http://yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

### Art Classes

Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, nature journaling strolls, children's art activities, and nature exhibits. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes. Drop-ins are welcome as space is available. Open daily from 9 am to 4 pm.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Village, is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. The Gallery may close for lunch. Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes leave from the Gallery and require reservations; call 209/372-4413 or visit [anseladams.com/photography-education](http://anseladams.com/photography-education).

### Exhibition at The Ansel Adams Gallery

*Intrepid: One Hundred (and Two) Years Photographing the High Sierra*  
June 25 to July 29, 2023

### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. For more information, call 209/372-4542 or visit the Sierra Club website: [www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](http://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center).

### Yosemite Hospitality

In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, offered daily at 10 am and 2 pm. Visit [travelyosemite.com](http://travelyosemite.com), stop by the tour desk at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, or call 888/413-8869 to book tours and activities.

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers guided hikes and rock climbing in Yosemite Valley, as conditions allow. Call 209/372-8344 for more information.

In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past.

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# Hiking



Cook's Meadow



Vernal Fall, via Mist Trail



Nevada Fall, via Mist Trail



Hetch Hetchy Valley



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

## Yosemite Valley

FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Lower Yosemite Fall	A short trail rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop #6	Paved, mostly flat. Take longer loop to the right for a more gentle incline.
	Cook's Meadow Loop	This short loop offers stunning views of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and other valley features. Visit in early morning or evening for a chance to see birds and other wildlife.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop #6	Paved, flat.
	Mirror Lake/Meadow <i>Dry in summer and fall</i>	Take a shorter walk on the paved bike trail to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the hiking trail for a longer loop.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	Shuttle Stop #17	Mostly flat or gentle slopes. First section is paved.
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Hike the first mile of the Yosemite Falls Trail for views of Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock. Be prepared for dozens of switchbacks.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Steep and rugged; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Yosemite Falls Trail	This trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall. The upper half of the trail is steep and rocky, but the arduous climb is worth it for the amazing views.	7.2 mi/11.6 km round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Steep and rugged; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	Hike the first section of the Mist Trail. Enjoy an excellent view of Vernal Fall from the footbridge.	1.6 mi/2.6 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop #16	Paved but steep; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Continue past the footbridge and follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. This route can be extremely wet and slippery. Wear good shoes and use caution.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	Continue past the top of Vernal Fall to the top of Nevada Fall. A section of the John Muir Trail is closed past Nevada Fall, so return via Mist Trail.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	A grand tour of the valley, this trail takes you through picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop #6	Mostly flat, with some gentle incline.
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point <i>Closed in winter &amp; early spring</i>	Hike this strenuous but rewarding trail for outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. Allow time to hike back down—there is no shuttle to return you to Yosemite Valley.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Shuttle Stop #11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible

## Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2023 hiking season.

Visit [go.nps.gov/wildpermits](https://www.nps.gov/wildpermits) to learn how to get a permit this spring—or to plan for the summer ahead.

Please come prepared with your own bear canister or rent one at any open wilderness center.

**Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center**  
8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**  
8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**  
*Opening Summer 2023*

## Half Dome Permits

Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, typically from late May to mid-October, conditions permitting.

Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/hdpermits](https://www.nps.gov/hdpermits).

For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, information can be found at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm](https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm)

## Hetch Hetchy

FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Wapama Falls	This hike follows the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge can sometimes close when water levels are too high.	5 mi/8 km round trip, 2 to 4 hours	Begin at O'Shaughnessy Dam	1,000-foot elevation gain

## Wawona

	Wawona Meadow Loop	A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife. Bikes and leashed pets are allowed.	3.5 mi/5.6 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin across the street from Wawona Hotel	Mostly flat, unpaved
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## Giant Sequoia Groves

	Tuolumne Grove Trail	Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—down through sugar pines and white firs to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias.	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Road	500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	300-foot elevation gain
	Mariposa Grove—Big Trees Loop Trail	Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias.	0.3 mi/0.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Mostly flat, wheelchair accessible
	Mariposa Grove—Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree.	2.1 mi/3.4 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	300-foot elevation gain

## Hiking Preparedness

**Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you go.** Due to historic winter storms, many trails will remain snowy, flooded, and/or muddy well into the summer. Even when snow has disappeared from the valley floor, hikers climbing to higher elevations may encounter reminders of winter. Snow-covered trails will be very difficult to navigate. **Use extra caution around flowing water.** Some creek crossings may be impassable. Never enter rivers or streams above waterfalls. **Adjust your expectations of what hikes will be possible this spring and summer and don't rely on past conditions and trip reports.**

## Safety Information



### Preventing Dehydration

Always carry more water than you need. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and frequently eating salty snacks.



### Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to keep a safe distance from all falling or moving water.



### Pets

Pets are permitted on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths only (except when signed as not allowing pets.)



### Drones

The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal under all circumstances.



### Bicycling

Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and bike paths.

### Safety for All Seasons

Bring plenty of water for your entire hike. Drinking water is not available outside of developed areas.

Pack essentials—including a flashlight, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, plenty of snacks, and reliable navigation tools.

Stay on established trails.

Know your limits. Choose a trail that is the right fit for everyone in your group, and ensure you have plenty of time to make it back before sunset.

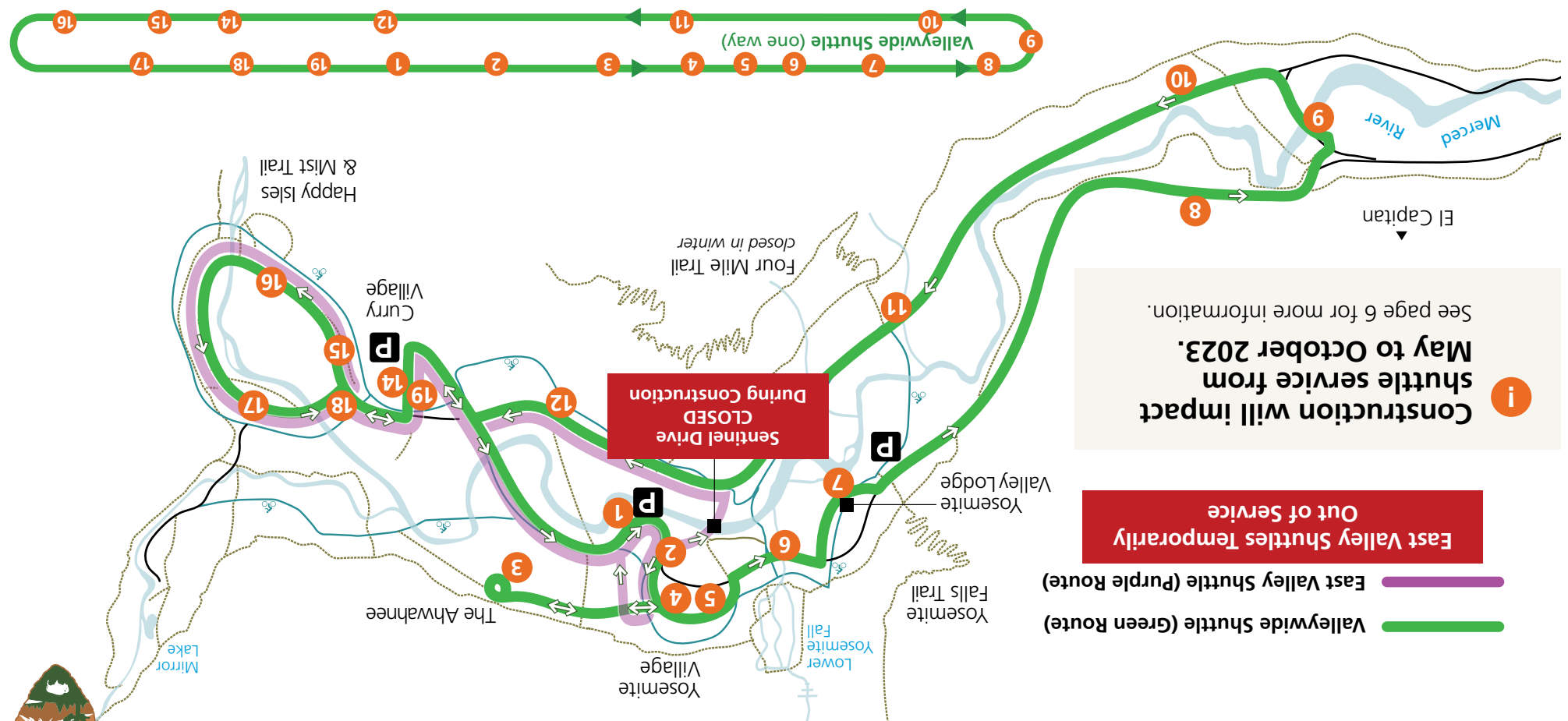
Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including time of return, with a trusted person.

YOU are responsible for your safety.



- 1 Yosemite Village Parking
- 2 Village Store
- 3 The Ahwahnee
- 4 Degnan's Kitchen
- 5 Visitor Center & Museum
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking
- 8 El Capitan Picnic Area
- 9 El Capitan Meadow
- 10 Cathedral Beach
- 11 Four Mile Trail
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- 13 Curry Village (eastbound)
- 14 Curry Village (westbound)
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles/ Mist Trail
- 17 Mirror Lake
- 18 Lower Pines Campground
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**VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY**



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map See page 6 for more information on this free service.

# Yosemite Guide

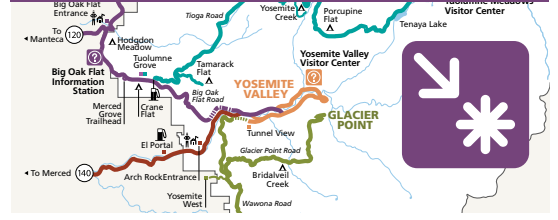
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