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# Yosemite Today

March 5  
to April 8, 2002

## Yosemite National Park

### Important Phone Numbers

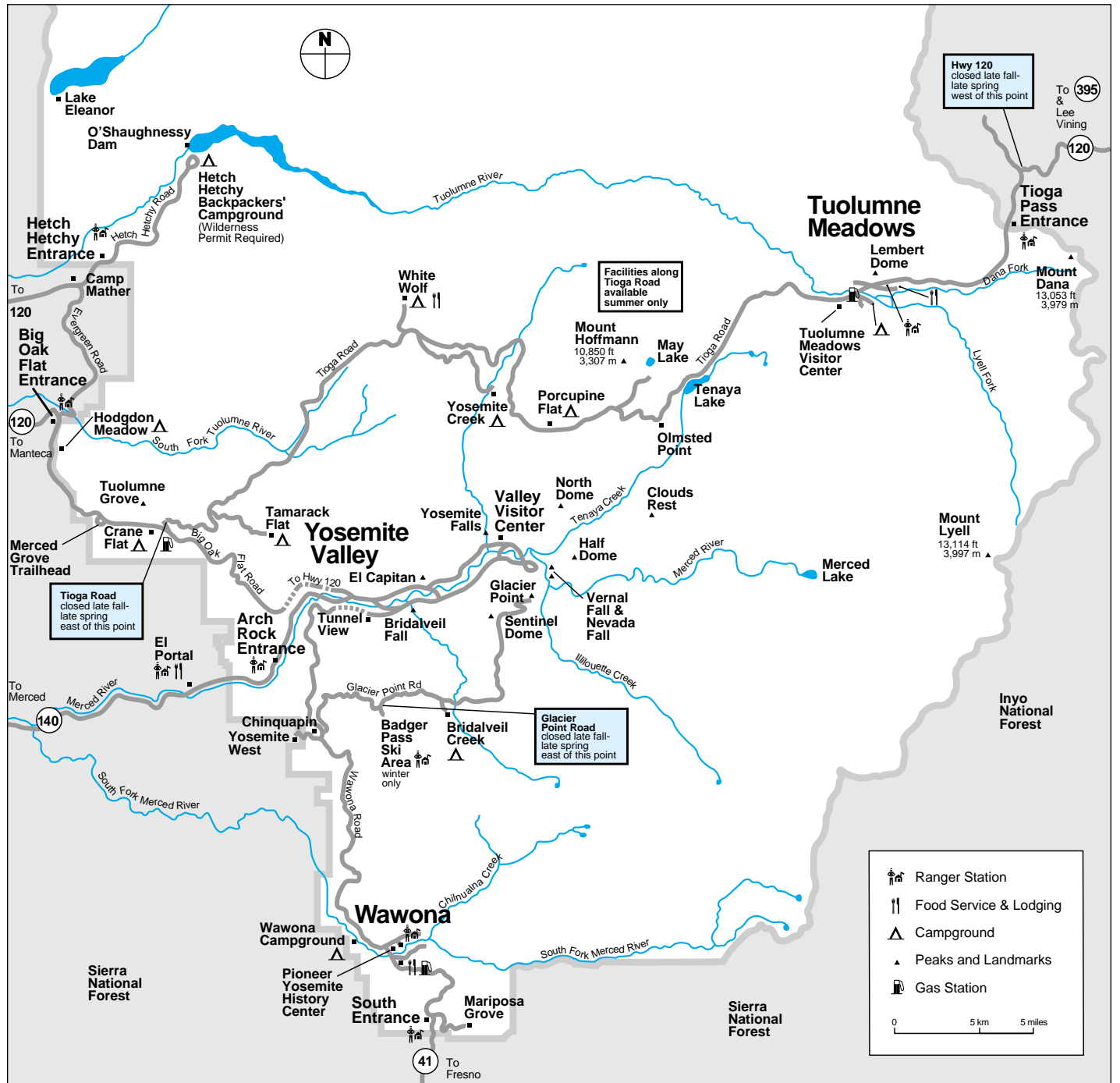
Emergency 911 (from hotel room 9-911)

Road and Weather/General Park Information 209/372-0200

Campground Reservations 800/436-7275

Lodging Reservations 559/252-4848

Ski Conditions 209/372-1000



## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

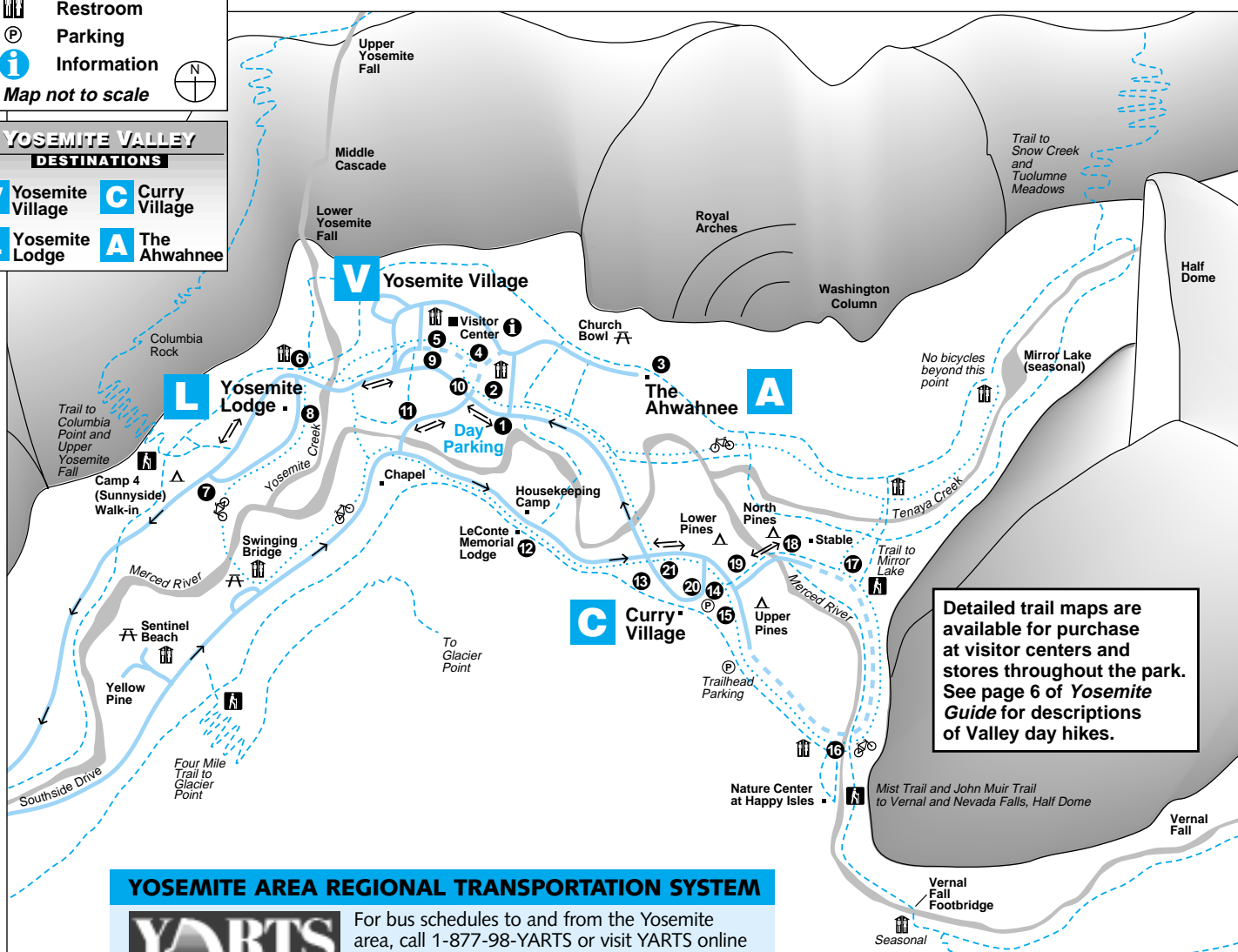
**Legend:**

- Shuttle Bus Route
- Roadway
- Shuttle Bus Only
- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Trailhead
- Hiking Trail
- Bike Path
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Parking
- Information

Map not to scale

**YOSEMITE VALLEY DESTINATIONS**

- V Yosemite Village
- C Curry Village
- L Yosemite Lodge
- A The Ahwahnee



**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

**YARTS** For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com)

### Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Schedules and routes may vary. Shuttle buses operate daily at 20-minute intervals, except during early morning and late evening hours when intervals may be 25 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

- SCHEDULE**  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Yosemite Village/Day Parking
  - Yosemite Village
  - The Ahwahnee
  - Yosemite Village/Degnan's Complex
  - Visitor Center
  - Lower Yosemite Fall  
*Service ends at 7:30 p.m.*
  - Camp 4/Yosemite Falls Trailhead
  - Yosemite Lodge
  - Visitor Center
  - Yosemite Village
  - Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
  - Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
  - Ice Skating Rink
  - Curry Village
  - 15 to 18 Out of Service for Season
  - Lower Pines Campground
  - Curry Village
  - Ice Skating Rink

# Scheduled Events

Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

YA = Yosemite Association  
 YCS = Yosemite Concession Services  
 NPS = National Park Service  
 AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery  
 \$ = Programs offered for a fee

 Indicates programs and facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>Yosemite Valley</b>	<p>11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (except March 10) 45 min. Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 &amp; under (YCS)</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People</b> 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Mariposa Storytelling Festival—Special Concert</b> (March 10 only) 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room Special presentation for all ages marks the end of the 2002 Festival. \$ &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer</b> 1 hr. Check local postings for venue (AAG)</p>	<p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy</b> 1-1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local postings for venue (YCS/NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>FIRESIDE STORYTELLING FOR ALL AGES</b> (except March 11) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</b> 1 hr. The Ansel Adams Gallery. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. (AAG) &amp;</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls</b> (except March 5) 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop #11</p> <p>5:00pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Sign-up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local postings for venue (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 2 hrs. Limited to 10 people. Meet on the weather permit</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room Check local postings for venue (YCS/NPS) &amp;</p>
<p>March 17 and 18  <b>The Ahwahnee's Diamond 75th Anniversary Celebration</b>                      Check at any lodging facility for special activities and interpretive programs.</p>				
<b>Badger Pass</b>	<p>9:30am <b>Winter Explorations with a Naturalist</b> (March 17 only) 8 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame. Space limited Call 209/379-2321 for info. (YA) \$</p> <p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 31) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 25) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 26) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Full Moon Snowshoe Walk</b> (March 26 only) 2 hrs. Reservations required Sign up in advance at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 27) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Full Moon Snowshoe Walk</b> (March 27 only) 2 hrs. Reservations required Sign up in advance at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>



Half Dome at Mirror Lake  
 Photo by Chamberlin/Kodak

## Yosemite Valley

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, and photography supplies is available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com). &

### GALLERY EXHIBIT

#### Through March 17

*A Continuing Legacy.* In recognition of the Ansel Adams at 100 celebration, this exhibit displays works by contemporary photographers influenced or inspired directly by Adams and his career.

#### March 20–April 30

*Views of the West.* The color landscape photography of Jack Dykinga, Pulitzer-prize winning photographer. The exhibit includes breathtaking images of the western landscape. Opening reception March 23, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

### Valley Visitor Center

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program. Wilderness permits available by self-registration. &



"Spirit of Yosemite"—a new state-of-the-art visitor orientation film  
 Photo by Greystone Films

### NEW FEATURE

#### Connect to the Spirit of Yosemite

The National Park Service is proud to announce the completion of a state-of-the-art theater and a new park film at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. The film, *Spirit of Yosemite*, provides an introduction to the stories behind Yosemite's grand beauty, extraordinary community of living things, American Indian culture, and history of wildland preservation. The 23-minute surround sound film, shot over a period of two years, makes a conscious effort to motivate Yosemite visitors to discover their own special connection with this magnificent national park. *Spirit of Yosemite* was made possible by donations from The Yosemite Fund and Yosemite National Park entrance fees.

This inspiring film is shown every hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center's newly renovated West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available. &

### Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. &

### FEATURES

#### Museum Gallery

In March, open daily 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In April, see posting on door for hours. Award winning work from the *Yosemite Renaissance*.

#### Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed for lunch. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

### The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. &

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Walk</b> Limited space, sign up in advance Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p><b>Walk—A Changing Yosemite</b> by Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p><b>Program</b> at Yosemite Lodge Check local postings for venue (YCS) &amp;</p> <p><b>STORYTELLING</b> <b>AGES</b> at Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace</p>	<p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice</b> (except March 7) 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area restroom, near shuttle stop #6</p> <p>5:00pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Sign-up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Check local postings for venue (NPS/YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 2 hrs. Limited space, sign up in advance Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite in Winter</b> 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop #11</p> <p>3:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (except March 8) 45 min. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 &amp; under (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Check local postings for venue (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 2 hrs. Limited space, sign up in advance Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p><b>Winter Explorations with a Naturalist</b> (March 16 only) 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Space limited, call 209/379-2321 for info. (YA) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Trees</b> 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Limited space, sign up in advance Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p> <p>4:00pm <b>CHILDREN'S STORY TIME</b> ½ hr. Degnan's Loft near shuttle stop #4. Nature stories geared for kids 10 and under. Children must be accompanied by a parent (AAG/YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local postings for venue (NPS) &amp;</p>
<p><b>Snowshoe Walk—</b> <b>Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 27) Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p><b>Snowshoe Walk</b> (only) Reservations required Sign up in advance at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—</b> <b>Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (except March 7; ends March 28) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Full Moon Snowshoe Walk</b> (March 28 only) 2 hrs. Reservations required Sign up in advance at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—</b> <b>Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 29) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am <b>Ranger Snowshoe Walk—</b> <b>Explore the Forest in Winter</b> (ends March 30) 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 years. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>

**"Views of the West"**  
Exhibit at The Ansel Adams Gallery  
Opening reception  
March 23  
5:00 p.m. to  
7:00 p.m. &

## Wawona

### Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Walk across the covered bridge and visit historic buildings out of Yosemite's past. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available. &

## Badger Pass

*closes for the season March 31*

Badger Pass, California's oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and snowboarding activity during the winter. It is located at 7,300 feet in elevation and is a 1-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. There are 10 runs, ski lifts, downhill and cross-country ski schools, ski rentals, and a day lodge; cross-country skiers can utilize groomed and ungroomed trails that originate at Badger Pass; tracks are groomed on the Glacier Point Road all the way to Glacier Point. Wilderness permits available at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/372-1000 for ski conditions.

### Badger Pass Bus

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area. Road and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 8:05 a.m., and 10:35 a.m., Yosemite Village at 8:10 a.m. and 10:40 a.m., The Ahwahnee at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., and Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

### Snowshoe Walks

Join a ranger every day at 10:30 a.m. to *Explore the Forest in Winter*. Wear warm clothing and boots for this 2-hour, moderately strenuous snowshoe walk. While snowshoes are provided, they are not recommended for children under 10 years of age. A \$3 maintenance fee is charged for use of the snowshoes. Meet in front of the Badger Pass A-frame. NOTE: Walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.

Join an interpreter for a 2-3 mile walk in a moonlit winter wonderland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass on March 26, 27, and 28 only. No experience necessary; however, this program is not recommended for children under 10 as it is moderately strenuous. Visit a tour desk in Yosemite Valley or call 209/372-1214 or 559/252-4848 for required advanced reservations.

## Yosemite's Sequoia Groves

### Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southern-most end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). Allow 1¼ hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. In winter, the access road to the Grove is closed due to snow. Once the access road is closed, add an extra hour or two for the 2-mile walk from the South Entrance of the park to the Grove. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, many giant sequoias can be seen from there. From the parking area, all trails in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias are uphill. The trailhead is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Grizzly Giant provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations of these signs are available at the trailhead (German, French, Spanish, Japanese).

### Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike or ski into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike or ski to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

### Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. The former route of the old Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile round-trip walk is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.



*Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias*  
Photo by Larry Ulrich

