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Yosemite Today

February 4 -
March 3, 2003

Yosemite National Park

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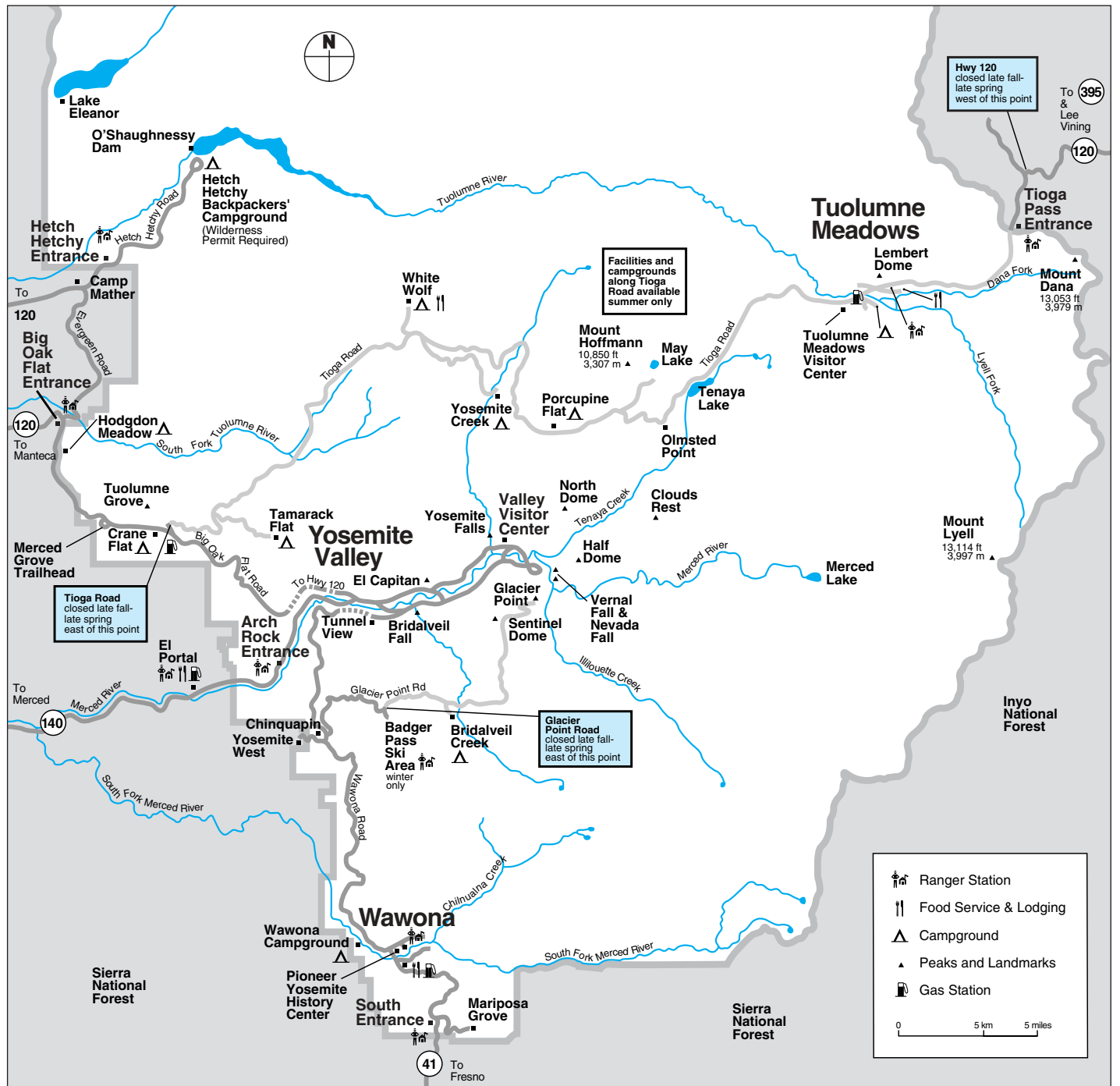
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Road and Weather/General Park Information 209/372-0200

Campground Reservations 800/436-7275

Lodging Reservations 559/252-4848

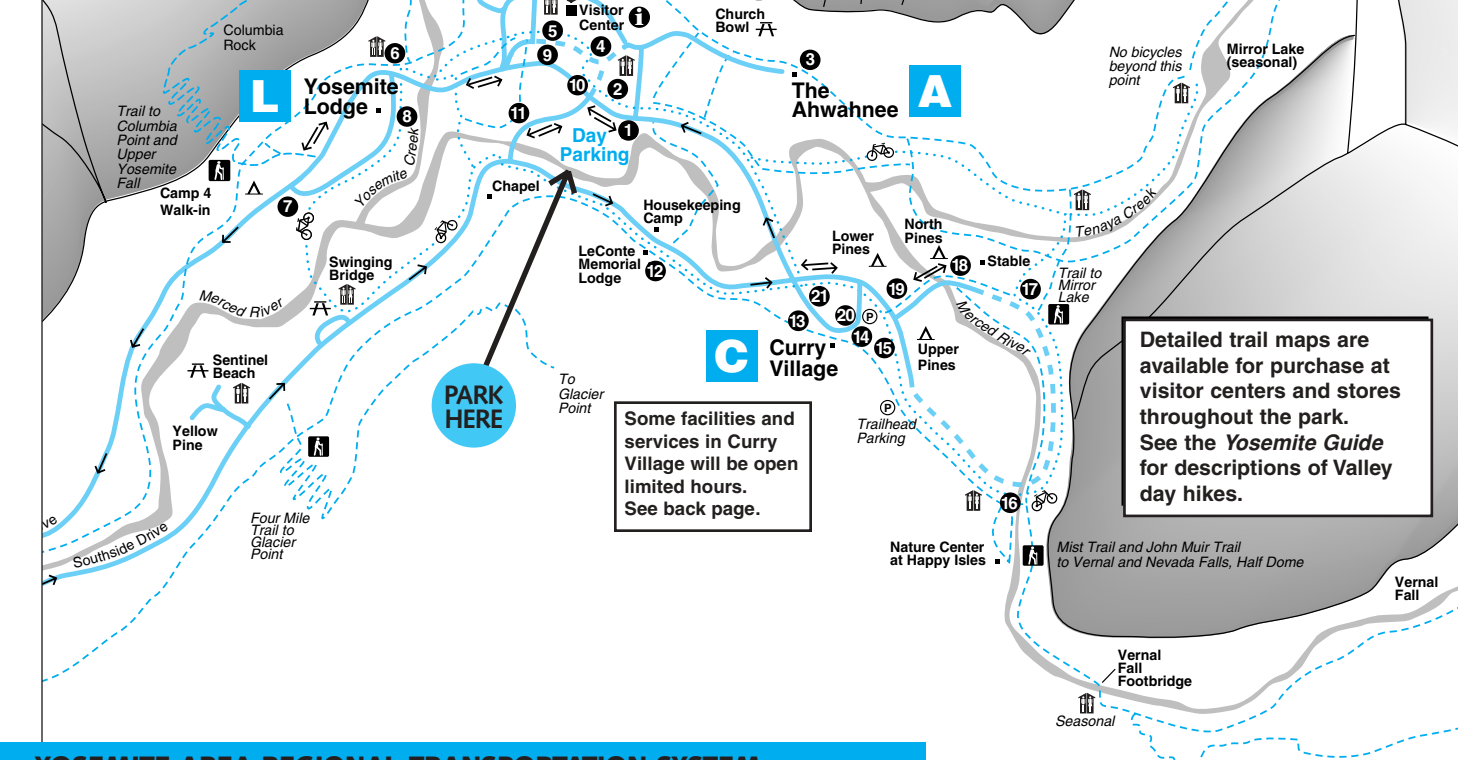
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Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



YOSEMITE VALLEY DESTINATIONS	
V Yosemite Village	C Curry Village
L Yosemite Lodge	A The Ahwahnee



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.

- 1 Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 2 Yosemite Village
- 3 The Ahwahnee
- 4 Degnan's Complex
- 5 Visitor Center
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall
Service ends at 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Camp 4/Yosemite Falls Trailhead
- 8 Yosemite Lodge
- 9 Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/
LeConte Memorial Lodge
- 13 Curry Village Registration Desk
- 14 Curry Village Parking
- 15 to 18 Service only as weather permits
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village
- 21 Ice Skating Rink

Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park. See the *Yosemite Guide* for descriptions of Valley day hikes.

Some facilities and services in Curry Village will be open limited hours. See back page.

PARK HERE

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

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
 \$ = Program offered for a fee



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

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Yosemite Valley	11:00am WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) & 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11 7:30pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (NPS) & Yosemite Theater—John Muir: Stories in Ice and Snow (February 16 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room Tickets at door or Lodge tour desk (YCS) \$ & Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (AAG) &	8:30am Camera Walk (except March 3) 2 hrs. Sign/meet up at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS) 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center 7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) & FIRESIDE STORYTELLING 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &	1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite in Winter 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11 7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &	11:00am WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) & 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11 2:00pm NPS Open House (February 20 only) Learn about NPS projects. Check local postings for location 6:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &
Badger Pass	10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter 2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$ 1:30pm Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (February 16 only) See description above 6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (February 16 only) 2 hrs. No experience required Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$ <i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i>	10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter 2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$ 1:30pm Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (February 17 only) See description above <i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i>	10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter 2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$ <i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i>	10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter 2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$ 6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (February 17 only) 2 hrs. No experience required Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$ <i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i>



Upper Yosemite Fall and ice cone
 NPS Photo

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Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 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, a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program, and self-registration for wilderness permits. & TTY

NEW FILM Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center's newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available. & CC

Yosemite Museum

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

FEATURES Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

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. &

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians 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.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 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, hand-crafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com. &

Through February 12

Frozen Moments, the inspirational color work of acclaimed local photographer, Keith Walklet. His color photography portrays the intimate details of Yosemite Valley and the drama of the Sierra Nevada high country.

February 13 - March 4

A group show by exceptional black and white photographers, *Kerik Kouklis*, platinum prints; *Jeff Conley*, silver gelatin prints; and *Vaughn Hutchins*, carbon prints. This show highlights the diversity of printing techniques used to visually communicate the individual expression of these artists' images.

Family Winter Celebration
 Join park staff for an afternoon of crafts, walks, and winter fun!

FEBRUARY 15 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Curry Village Guest Lounge
 Drop in or stay for the entire time!

YOSEMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Yosemite Association Special Program
Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist
 FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 1 - 8 HOURS
 Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Yosemite Lodge front desk

Winter Photography in Yosemite
 MARCH 2-5 - Multi-day program in Yosemite Valley
 Call The Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 for details on both programs

February 4 - March 3, 2003

WEDNESDAY

WILD ONES
Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under. Meet on The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace.

Walk—Granite & Ice
Meet at Valley Visitor Center

House
5 only)
Yosemite's latest improvement at Valley Visitors Center

Program
Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &

THURSDAY

9:00am **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance. Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)

1:30pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People**
1½ hrs. Back of Valley Visitor's Center

2:00pm **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME**
45 min. Stories tailored for children 7 and under. Degnan's Loft, Yosemite Village shuttle stop #4 (YCS)

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &

FRIDAY

1:30pm **Fireside Chat with a Ranger**
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (NPS) &

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &

SATURDAY

8:15am **Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist** (February 15 and March 1 only)
8 hrs. See details below (YA) \$

9:00am **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance. Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)

11:00am **WEE WILD ONES**
(except February 15) 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &

1:00pm **FAMILY WINTER CELEBRATION**
(February 15 only) 3 hrs. See details below

1:30pm **Ranger Walk—Trees**
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3

3:00pm **Fine Print Viewing**
1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance. The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)

4:00pm **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME**
30 min. Nature stories geared for kids 7 and under. Children must be accompanied by adult. Degnan's Loft, Yosemite Village shuttle stop #4 (AAG)

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &

Yosemite Theater—John Muir: Stories in Ice and Snow
(February 15 only)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Tickets at door or Lodge tour desk \$ (YCS) &

Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter
2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame
Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$

Snowshoe Walk
2 only)
No experience required
Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge or Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$

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10:30am **Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**
2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame
Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$

6:30pm **Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**
(February 13 only)
2 hrs. No experience required
Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$

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10:30am **Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**
2 hr. Badger Pass A-frame
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6:30pm **Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**
(February 14 only)
2 hrs. No experience required
Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$

NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.

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Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$

1:30pm **Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**
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7:30pm **Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**
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Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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 interpretive signs and brochures are available. &

Badger Pass

Badger Pass, California's oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and snowboarding activity during the winter. It is located at 7,200 feet in elevation and is a 1-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. There are 10 runs, 3 ski lifts, downhill and cross-country ski schools, ski rentals, and a day lodge. Cross-country skiers will find 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 (bus begins running when ski area opens for the season). Road and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; Yosemite Village at 7:40 a.m. and 10:10 a.m.; The Ahwahnee at 7:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.; and Yosemite Lodge at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The bus arrives at Badger Pass at 2:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 p.m. and 4:45 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.

Full Moon Snowshoe Walks February 12 - 16

Join an interpreter for a 2-3 mile walk in a moonlit winter wonderland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass. 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 209/372-1240 or 559/252-4848 for required advance reservations.



Sequoia Groves in Winter

Mariposa Grove of
Giant Sequoias
NPS Photo

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. 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).

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.

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 or ski is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.

WHAT TO DO

