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Yosemite Today

March 4 - April 7, 2003

Yosemite National Park

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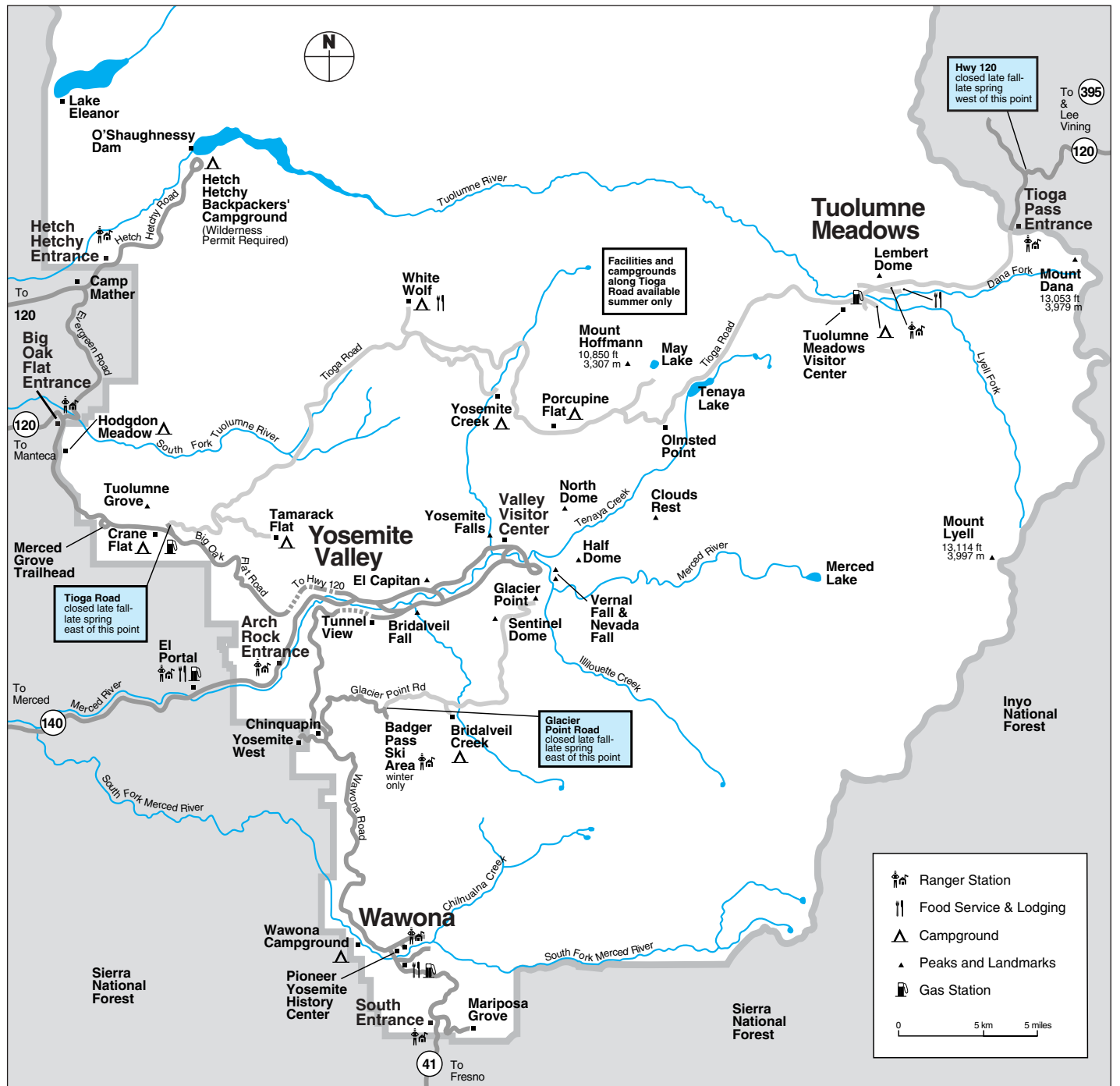
Emergency 911 (from hotel room 9-911)

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

Campground Reservations 800/436-7275

Lodging Reservations 559/252-4848

Ski Conditions 209/372-1000



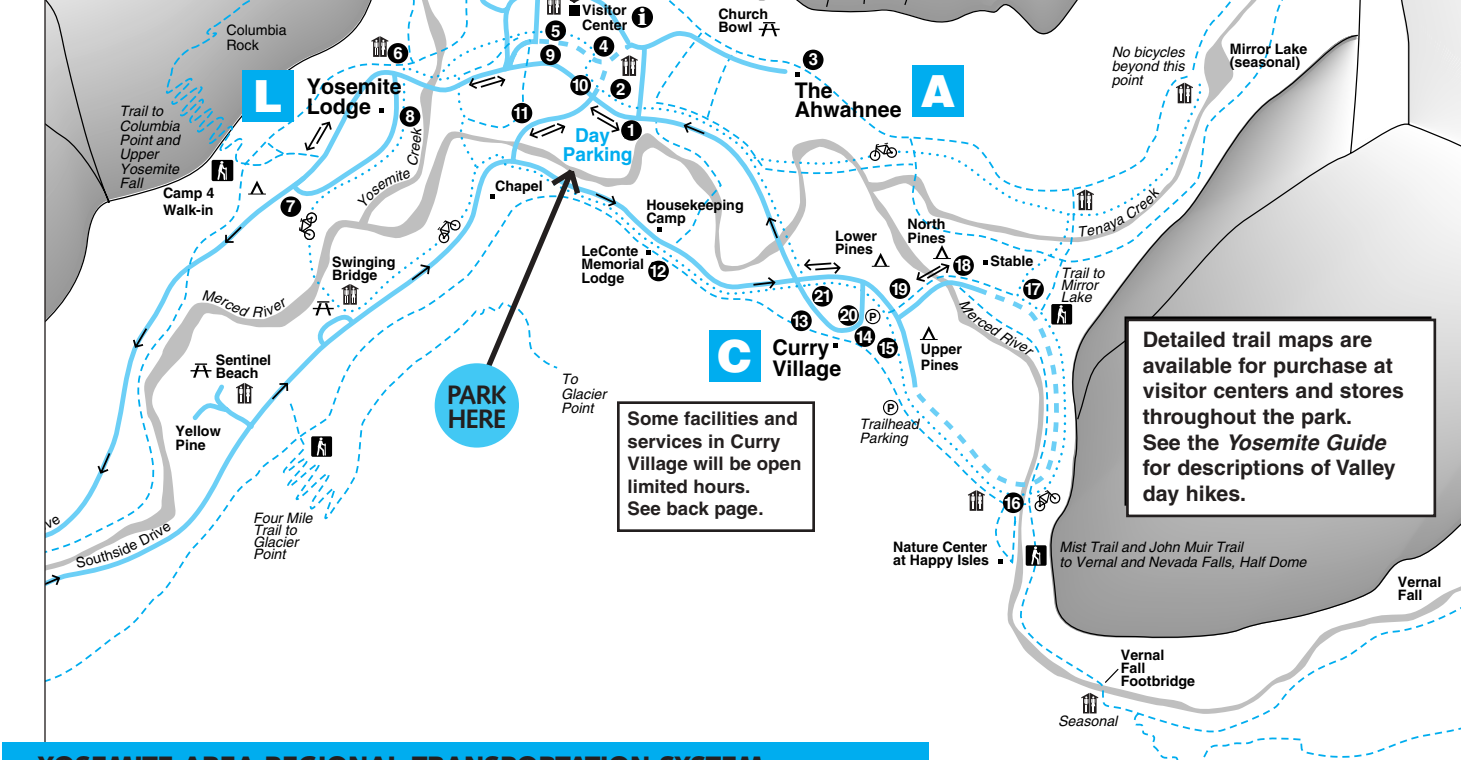
Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

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



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.

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

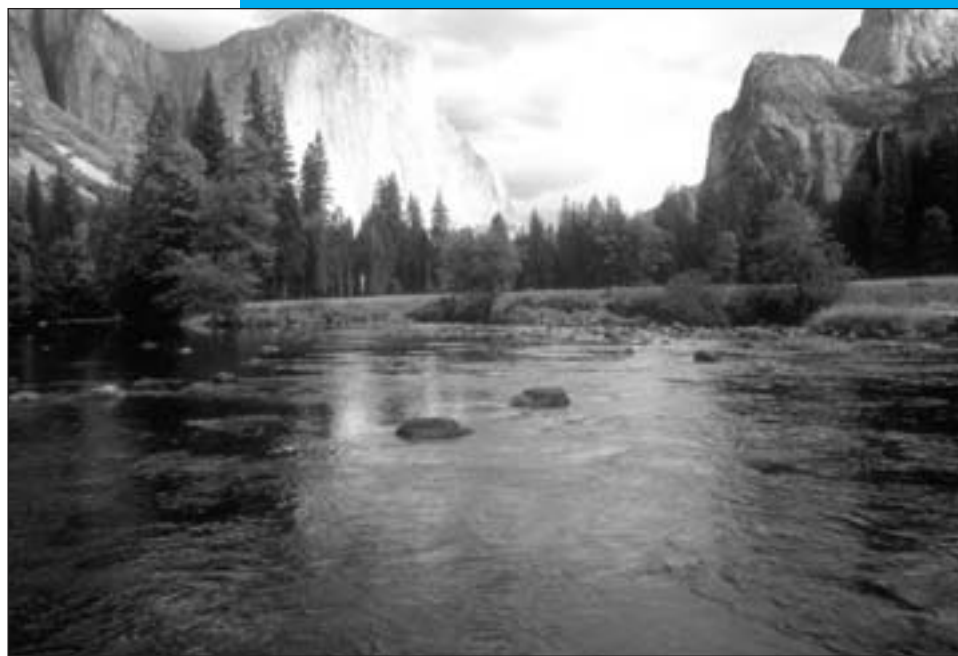
Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

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	<p>8:30am Discovering Spring Wildflowers at Hite Cove (April 6 only) 6 hrs. See details below (YA) \$</p> <p>11:00am WEE WILD ONES (except March 9) 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11</p> <p>7:30pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (except April 6) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (NPS) &</p> <p>Ansel Adams Film 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for film selection and venue (AAG) &</p>	<p>8:30pm Photography Walk (except March 17) 2 hrs. Sign/meet up at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS)</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &</p> <p>FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (March 10 and April 7 only) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite in Winter 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &</p>	<p>11:00am WEE WILD ONES (except March 9) 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) &</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) &</p>
Badger Pass	<p>6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (March 16 only) 2 hrs. No experience required Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (March 17 only) 2 hrs. No experience required Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 1) 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. \$</p> <p>6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (March 18 only) 2 hrs. No experience required Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 1) 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. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>



Yosemite Valley View
 Photo by M. Floyd

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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 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.

March 6 - April 29

An exhibit of handcrafted color Ilfochrome prints by renowned color photographer and master printer, *Christopher Burkett*, will welcome spring to Yosemite. Burkett's work demonstrates a rare combination of artistic vision, environmental ethos and technical craftsmanship that has gained him recognition worldwide.

YOSEMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES Yosemite Association Special Program Discovering Spring Wildflowers at Hite Cove

APRIL 6, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.
 6 HOURS

Meet at The Yosemite Association office in El Portal
 Call The Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321
 for details.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>WILD ONES March 12 and 26) Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under. Meet on The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace.</p> <p>Ranger Walk—Granite & Ice (March 12) Point of Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>Evening Program Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) ☺</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance. Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People (except March 13) 1½ hrs. Back of Valley Visitor's Center</p> <p>2:00pm CHILDREN'S STORY TIME 45 min. Stories tailored for children 7 and under. Degnan's Loft, Yosemite Village shuttle stop #4 (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) ☺</p>	<p>1:30pm Fireside Chat with a Ranger (except March 14) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (NPS) ☺</p> <p>2:00pm NPS Open House to (March 28 only)</p> <p>8:00pm Learn about Yosemite's latest improvement projects. Check Valley Visitors Center for location</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) ☺</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space. Sign up in advance. Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>11:00am WEE WILD ONES (except March 8 and April 5) 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ☺</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Walk—Trees 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance. The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p> <p>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)</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) ☺</p>
<p>Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (March 12) Badger Pass A-frame Wear warm clothing and boots for this strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. \$</p> <p><i>Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 3) 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. \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 4) 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. \$</p> <p>6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (March 14 only) 2 hrs. No experience required. Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>	<p>10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 5) 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. \$</p> <p>1:30pm Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter (except April 5) See description above</p> <p>6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (March 15 only) 2 hrs. No experience required. Sign up in advance at Yosemite Lodge tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (YCS) \$</p> <p><i>NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.</i></p>

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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 Through March 30

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area. Road and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 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.

Full Moon Snowshoe Walks

March 14 - 18

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

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.



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
Photo by Larry Ulrich

