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# Yosemite Today

September 7 - October 4, 2004

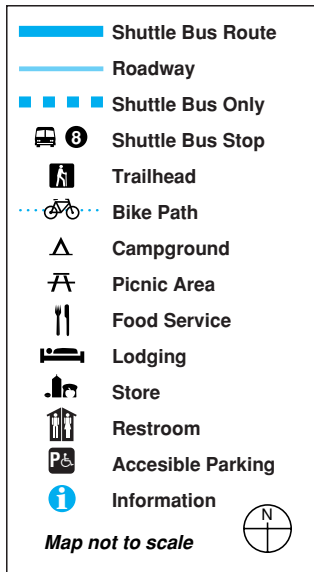
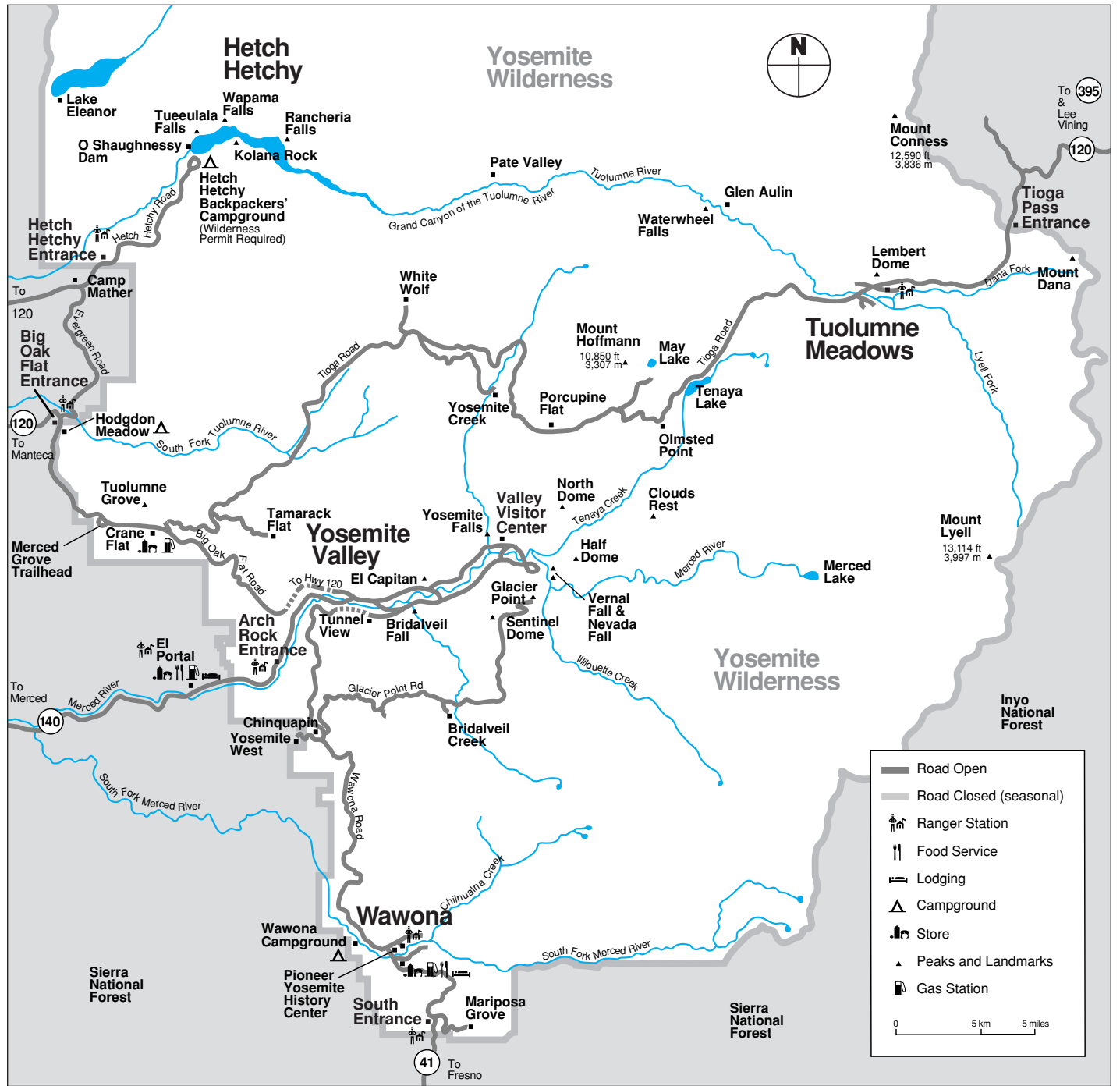
## Yosemite National Park

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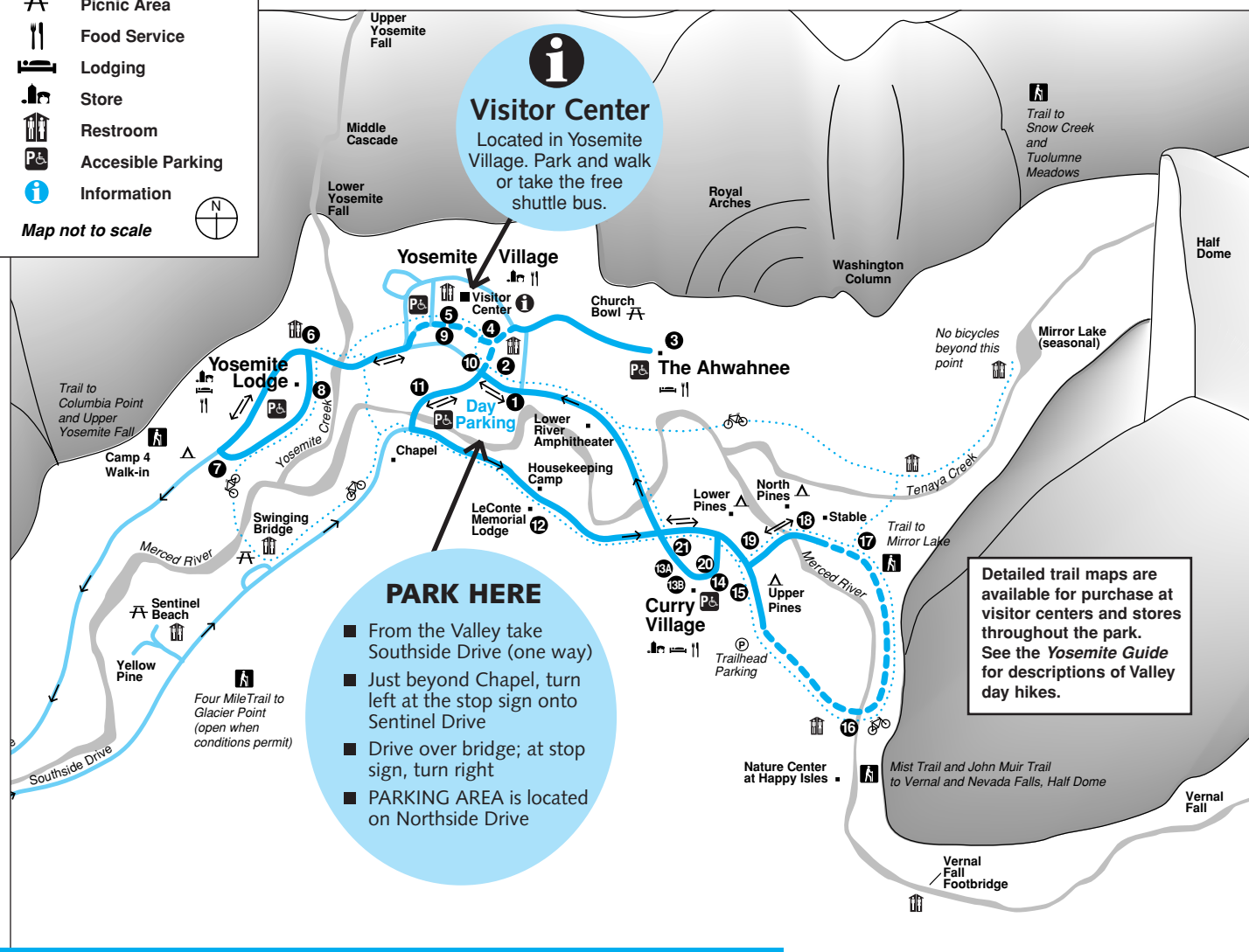
Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

### Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall

During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated day-visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley. Shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and all are wheelchair lift equipped. See route on map below.



## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



### Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals. 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 Yosemite Village/Degnan's Complex
- 5 Visitor Center
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7 Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
- 8 Yosemite Lodge
- 9 Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
- 13A Curry Village Rental Center
- 13B Curry Village Registration Desk
- 14 Curry Village Parking
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead
- 17 Mirror Lake Junction
- 18 Stable
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village Parking
- 21 Curry Village Rental Center

### 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](http://www.yarts.com)

# Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Curry Village

- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Campground
- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- ATM
- Visitor Information
- PAD Program
- Restrooms
- Gas Station  
*(no gas in Yosemite Valley)*
- Paved Bike Path
- Hiking Trail
- Roadway
- Roadway for Shuttle Bus Only

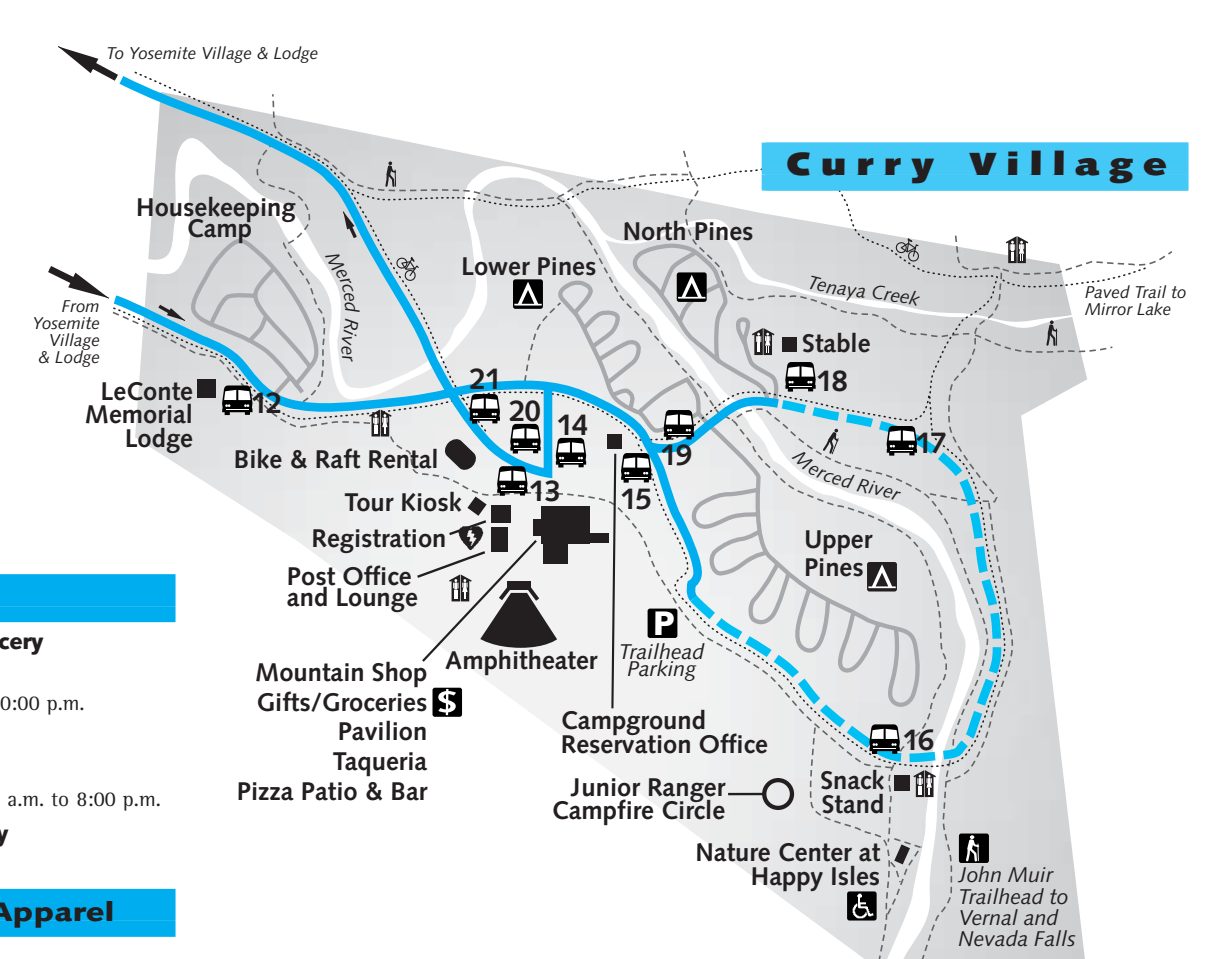
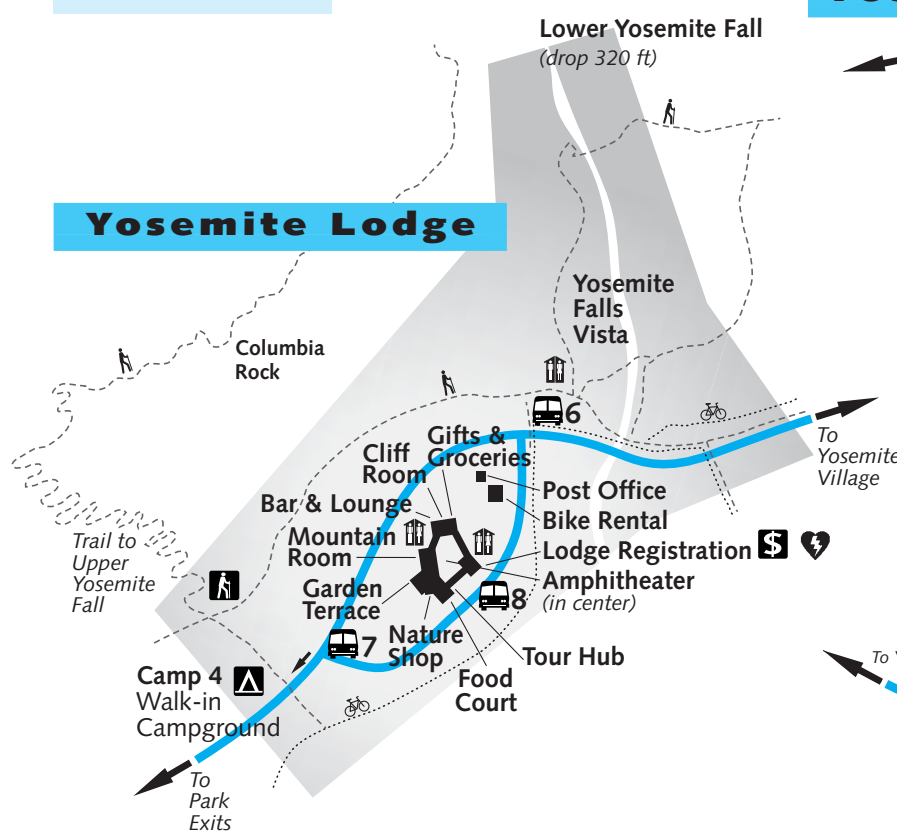
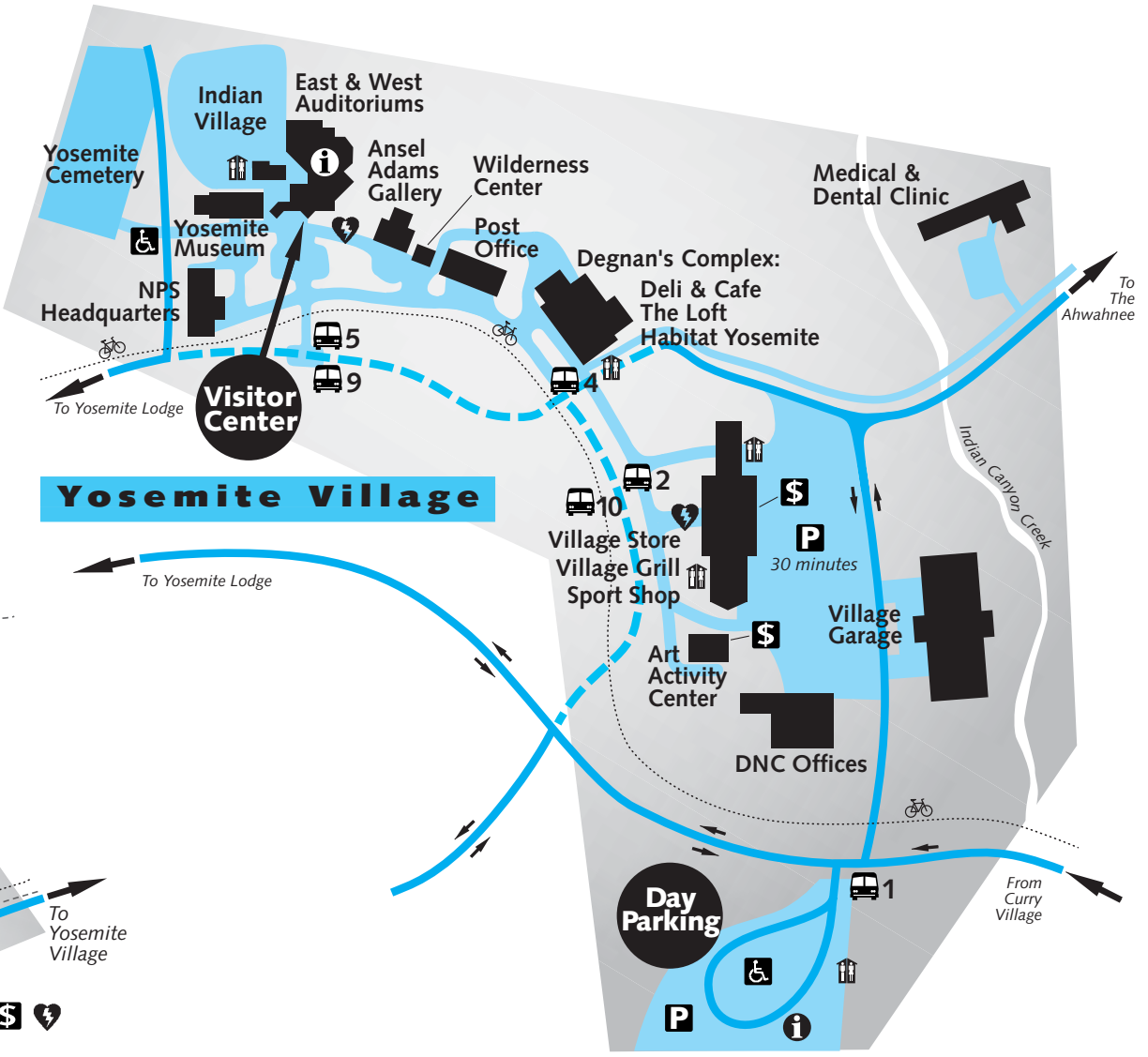


**NORTH**

**Maps not to scale.**

See page 64 of the *Guide to Yosemite* for a description of Valley trails and day hikes.

Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park.



## Food & Beverage Service

These hours of operation are approximate. Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- Degnan's Delicatessen**  
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Degnan's Café**  
*Closes for season September 12*  
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - The Loft at Degnan's**  
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.
  - Village Grill**  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- YOSEMITE LODGE**
- Coffee Corner**  
6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Food Court**  
Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Lite fare served between meal periods.
  - Mountain Room Bar & Lounge**  
Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.
  - Mountain Room Restaurant**  
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- THE AHWAHNEE**
- Dining Room**  
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. 209/372-1489
  - The Ahwahnee Bar**  
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- CURRY VILLAGE**
- Coffee Corner**  
6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Pavilion Buffet**  
Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Dinner Buffet - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Pavillion Bar**  
Noon to 10:00 p.m.  
*Beginning September 27*  
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.

- Pizza Patio**  
Noon to 10:00 p.m.  
*Beginning September 27*  
Noon to 9:00 p.m.
  - Taqueria**  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Beginning September 16*  
Saturday - Sunday only
  - HAPPY ISLES Snack Stand**  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Groceries**
- Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery**  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Village Store** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Degnan's Delicatessen**  
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Housekeeping Camp** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Curry Village Gift/Grocery**  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Gifts, Books, & Apparel**
- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Day Use Parking Information & Bookstore**  
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
  - Yosemite Bookstore**  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Inside Visitor Center
  - Yosemite Museum Store**  
9:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Village Store** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Habitat Yosemite** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Sport Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Yosemite Art Center** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - Wilderness Center** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES**  
*Closes for season September 19*  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)
- YOSEMITE LODGE**
- Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Nature Shop** 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- THE AHWAHNEE**
- Gift Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
  - Sweet Shop** 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- Mountain Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- SHOWERS & LAUNDROMAT**
- SHOWERS**
- Curry Village** 24 hours, attendant on duty daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
  - Housekeeping Camp** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- LAUNDROMAT**
- Housekeeping Camp**  
8:00 a.m. to Noon, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Recycling**
- Village Store Recycling Center**  
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Post Offices**
- Main Post Office - Yosemite Village**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon
  - Yosemite Lodge Post Office**  
Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
Friday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - Curry Village Post Office**  
Monday - Friday 2:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- ATM**
- Yosemite Village**  
South of Village Store (Bank of America)  
Inside Village Store
  - Yosemite Lodge**  
Inside main registration area
  - Curry Village**  
Inside gift/grocery store
- Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)**
- Village Garage**  
8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m.  
209/372-8320



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## Yosemite Valley

### Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. ♿ TTY

### 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 Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed captioning available. ♿ CC

### Yosemite Museum

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

### FEATURES

#### Museum Gallery

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection.

#### Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwuk and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

#### Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

### The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide 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.

### Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness. ♿

### Nature Center at Happy Isles

*Closes for season September 19*

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area's four different environments; forest, river, talus, and fen.

You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfalls in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16. ♿

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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](http://www.anseladams.com). ♿

### GALLERY EXHIBIT

#### Through September 14

*Color photography by Jeff Grandy.* Jeff has lived and worked in Yosemite almost continuously since 1978. In Jeff's words, "I enjoy both the artistic and technical nature of photography. The act of looking for and creating new images both relaxes and invigorates me. I find beauty and solace in the landscape. Endless combinations of color, form, texture shadow and light intrigue me . . ."

#### Beginning September 15

*Color photography by William Neill.* Neill, a long-time resident of Yosemite, is a landscape photographer concerned with conveying the deep, spiritual beauty he sees and feels in nature.

### LeConte Memorial Lodge

*Closes for season September 30*

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public

visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

### Yosemite Theater Live

Help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 22nd season! Live actors perform each of the four shows on a stage in the Visitor Center Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center (near shuttle stop #5 & #9). Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir. Share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Join the Story Quilters for an evening of storytelling about the natural world, or hear from Ron Kauk about his relationship to Yosemite through rock climbing with filmmaker Sterling Johnson. Tickets are \$8/adult and \$4/children 12 and under and can be purchased in advance at any tour desk or at the door (if available). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. ♿

### Hike with Yosemite Mountaineering School

*Last day September 26*

Learn about flora, fauna, climbing or the history of Yosemite! Have fun with an easy geology lesson! Two hikes are lead daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Suited for hikers 16 and older, this moderately paced hike explores the Valley. At 1:30 p.m., an



View from Half Dome

EW Smith

easy hike is offered for all ages, which explores the "backyard" of Ahwahnee. Each hike begins at the Ahwahnee and lasts 3 1/2 hours. The cost is \$40 per person and tickets can be purchased at the Ahwahnee Concierge or the Front Desk. Call Yosemite Mountaineering School at 209/372-8344 for more information.



Tuolumne Meadows

Photo by Howard Weamer

### Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

*Closes for season September 26*

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ♿

### Parsons Memorial Lodge McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs

This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both 1/2-mile long. See the map of Tuolumne Meadows area in this paper. The Soda Springs are small naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sunrise and sunset.

### Free Olmsted Point/Tuolumne/Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:00 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

## Tuolumne Meadows

### Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, American Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

### Evening Activities

Come to the Dana Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, songs, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available. ♿

♿ Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

## Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee

Hawks In Flight: Raptor Migration	SEPTEMBER 9-12	7:00 p.m.
Skywatching In Yosemite	SEPTEMBER 17	4:00 p.m.
Massage for Hikers and Backpackers	SEPTEMBER 25	9:00 a.m.
Drawing and Pastel Painting in Yosemite	SEPT 30 - OCT 3	7:00 p.m.
Tule Twined Basket Making	OCTOBER 1-3	8:30 a.m.

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 or visit [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org), or check at the Valley Visitor Center

WHAT TO DO

# Scheduled Events

## Evening Ranger Talks in El Portal

Join a Ranger for a 1 hour talk on Thursday evenings: 7:00pm at Yosemite View Lodge, and 8:30 at Cedar Lodge.

## Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Yosemite Art Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Classes are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



September 6 - 11  
**Pat Devitt**  
*Acrylic*

September 13 - 18  
**Pat Hunter**  
*Watercolor*

September 20 - 25  
**Osamu Saito**  
*Watercolor*

September 27 - October 2  
**Fealing Lin**  
*Watercolor*

## Wilderness Birthday Celebration

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with wilderness managers and rangers from across the Sierra

**October 2**  
**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**In front of the Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley**

**Pack a Mule**  
**Wilderness Tool Show & Tell**  
**Learn About Bears**  
**Blow Out the Candles on the Wilderness Birthday Cake**

**11:00 a.m.**  
**Join Laurel Boyers, Yosemite's Wilderness Manager, in front of the Visitor Center for a special interpretive walk.**

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

**NPS = National Park Service**  
**DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite**  
**AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
**SC = Sierra Club**  
**YA = Yosemite Association**  
**YF = Yosemite Fund**  
**\$ = Programs offered for a fee**



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>Yosemite Valley</b>	<p>7:30am <b>SUNRISE ADVENTURE WALK TO MIRROR LAKE</b> (September 12 only) 2 hrs. Stables shuttle stop #18 (SC)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier</b> (October 3 only) 1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>CHILDREN'S POETRY WORKSHOP</b> (September 12 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories &amp; Games</b> 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p><b>Bear Walk</b> 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S WATERCOLOR CLASS</b> 2 hrs. Sign-up in advance, 209/372-1442 Yosemite Art Center</p> <p>6:15pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (September 12 &amp; 19 only) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p> <p>7:00pm <b>OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE &amp; SING-ALONG</b> (September 12 only) 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater Live—Return of Balance</b> (except October 3) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)</p> <p><b>LeConte Memorial Lodge</b> Sept 12: <b>Poetry of Nature</b> Sept 19: <b>HETCH HETCHY: YOSEMITE'S LOST TWIN</b> Sept 26: <b>A Wilderness Journey</b> 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p><b>Film—Ansel Adams</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> (September 12 &amp; 19 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &amp;</p>	<p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People</b> 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p><b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center</p> <p>3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGERS</b> 1½ hrs. For kids 7-12, accompanied by parent Meet at Happy Isles Nature Center (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Adventures</b> (except October 4) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)</p> <p><b>Evening Programs</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; 1 hr. (September 13 only) Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Check local postings for topic</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center</p> <p>12:00pm <b>Lecture—Mapping Surface Water Sensitivity to Atmospherically-Deposited Pollutants</b> 1 hr. USGS presentation West Auditorium (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Bears</b> 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S WATERCOLOR CLASS</b> 2 hrs. Sign-up in advance, 209/372-1442 Yosemite Art Center</p> <p>5:00pm <b>Autumn Twilight Stroll</b> (September 7 &amp; 14 only) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back patio (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman</b> 1½ hrs Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)</p> <p><b>Evening Programs</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Check local postings for topic 1 hr. (September 7 &amp; 14 only) Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p>
<b>Wawona Mariposa Grove</b>	<p>11:00am to 3:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS)</p>		
<b>Glacier Point</b>	<p>6:30pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (September 19 &amp; October 3 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> (except September 7) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (except September 7) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &amp;</p>
<b>Tuolumne Meadows</b> <i>Closes for season September 26</i>	<p>1:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Bears</b> (except October 3) 1½ hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country</b> (September 13 &amp; 20 only) 2 hrs. Lemberg Dome parking area (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Campfire</b> (September 13 &amp; 20 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>	<p>7:00pm <b>Campfire</b> (September 7, 14 &amp; 21 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>

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## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

10:00am **Art Class**  
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

2:00pm **NPS Open House**  
(September 29 only)  
4 hrs. Learn about park improvement efforts  
Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) &

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy**  
1½ hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center  
(NPS)

7:00pm **OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG**  
(September 15 only)  
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village  
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk  
\$ (DNC)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Animals**  
1½ hrs Visitor Center Theater  
Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

**STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
(September 8 only)  
1 hr. Meets near Yosemite Lodge  
Sign-up/details at any lodge tour desk  
\$ (DNC)

**Evening Programs**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &  
Check local postings for topic  
1 hr. (September 8 & 15 only)  
Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

9:00am **Photography Walk**  
2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up  
required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery,  
conditions permitting (AAG)

10:00am **Art Class**  
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**  
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:15pm **WEE WILD ONES**  
(September 9 & 16 only)  
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and  
under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm **LIFE AFTER DARK**  
(September 9 only)  
2 hrs. Advance sign-up from 10-4 at  
LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman**  
1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater  
Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

**Evening Programs**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &  
Check local postings for topic  
1 hr. (September 9 & 16 only)  
Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

10:00am **Art Class**  
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

10:30am **ALL ABOUT BEARS**  
(September 10 only)  
2½ hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Geology**  
1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

5:00pm **Autumn Twilight Stroll**  
1 hr. The Ahwahnee back patio (DNC)

6:00pm **Me Wu Eh**  
(except September 24)  
1½ hrs. Meet behind Visitor Center (NPS)

7:30pm **ANIMALS AND THEIR SENSES**  
(September 10 only)  
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir—Wild Places**  
(except October 1)  
1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium  
Tickets at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

**LeConte Memorial Lodge**  
September 17: **John Muir at Home in Martinez**  
September 24: **Curator Dreams & John Muir**  
1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

**STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
(September 10 only)  
1 hr. Meets near Yosemite Lodge  
Sign-up/details at any lodge tour desk  
\$ (DNC)

**Evening Programs**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater  
(DNC) & Check posting for topic  
1 hr. (September 10 & 17 only)  
Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

9:00am **Photography Walk**  
2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up  
required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery,  
conditions permitting (AAG)

10:00am **Art Class**  
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center

11:00am **Walk on the Wild Side**  
(October 2 only)  
1 hr. An interpretive walk with Yosemite's  
Wilderness Manager  
Meet in front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

1:30pm **AQUATIC FIELD TRIP**  
(September 11 only)  
2½ hrs. Happy Isles shuttle stop #16 (SC)

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Trees**  
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3  
(NPS)

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

4:00pm **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME**  
½ hr. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery porch  
Children 7 and under must be accompanied  
by adult (AAG)

6:15pm **WEE WILD ONES**  
(September 11 & 18 only)  
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and  
under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

7:00pm **OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG**  
(September 11 only)  
1½ hrs Near Curry Village  
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk  
\$ (DNC)

**A WALK BACK IN TIME**  
(September 11 only)  
2 hrs. Advance sign-up 10-4 at LeConte  
Memorial Lodge  
Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

8:00pm **LeConte Memorial Lodge**  
September 11: **AMERICAN INDIAN STORIES & FLUTE**  
September 18: **MEET THE ARTIST BEHIND THE STATE QUARTER**  
September 25: **3-D SLIDES OF NATIONAL PARKS & MT. DIABLO**  
1 hr. Shuttle stop # 12 (SC)

**Evening Programs**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater  
(DNC/AAC) & Check posting for topic  
1 hr. (September 11 & 18 only)  
Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &

10:00pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hr. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

11:00am to 3:00pm  
**Horse-Drawn Stage Rides**  
10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office  
in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center  
\$ (NPS)

11:00am to 3:00pm  
**Horse-Drawn Stage Rides**  
(September 11 only)  
10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office  
in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center  
\$ (NPS)

4:00pm **Historic Wawona Tour**  
1½ hrs. Meet at Wawona Registration Desk  
(DNC)

1:00pm **Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows**  
(September 8, 15 & 22 only)  
2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8  
Road marker T-29 (NPS)

7:00pm **Campfire**  
(September 8, 15 & 22 only)  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows  
Campground (NPS)

10:00am **Sketch Along the River**  
(September 9, 16 & 23 only)  
5 hrs. Sign up at Campground Reservation  
Office 209/372-4025 \$10 donation for  
materials. Bring lunch

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—History**  
(September 9, 16 & 23 only)  
2 hrs. Lambert Dome parking area (NPS)

7:00pm **Campfire**  
(September 9, 16 & 23 only)  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows  
Campground (NPS)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Along the River**  
(September 10, 17 & 24 only)  
2 hrs. Lambert Dome parking area (NPS)

7:00pm **Campfire**  
(September 10, 17 & 24 only)  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows  
Campground (NPS)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Geology**  
(September 11, 18 & 25 only)  
2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8  
Road marker T-29 (NPS)

7:00pm **Campfire**  
(September 11, 18 & 25 only)  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows  
Campground (NPS)

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## Glacier Point

### Ranger Walks

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

### Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some weekends, join a ranger and an astronomical society for a night with telescopes. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater after the sunset talk. See Scheduled Events section for specific dates. Bring warm clothes.

*Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby*



Half Dome from Glacier Point

NPS Photo

## Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Above: Take a stage ride in Wawona

Photo by John Hawksworth

Right: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Photo by N.G. Messinger



### Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times. ♿

### Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

*Closes for season October 3*

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531. ♿

### Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available. ♿

### Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver near the Wawona Covered Bridge. \$3/adult and \$2/child (ages 3-12).

### To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1 1/4 hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from the South Entrance to Mariposa Grove.

### Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus

*Daily through September 26*

*Weekends only after September 26*

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate throughout the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

### DISTANCE & ELEVATION

DESTINATION	DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD	ELEVATION GAIN
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile /1.3km	400ft / 122m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles /3.5km	800ft / 292m
Fallen Tunnel Tree	2.5 miles /4.0km	1,000ft / 305m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles /4.8km	1,200ft / 438m

### Walking through the Grove

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

### Mariposa Grove Museum

Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps, and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove. ♿

## Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat

### Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899 ♿

### Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and limited map sales. ♿

### Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves

#### Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

#### Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike 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, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

♿ Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

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# Wawona Mariposa Grove Glacier Point

## Food & Beverage Service

### WAWONA HOTEL

#### Dining Room

Breakfast and Buffet – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Buffet – 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Saturday BBQ – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425

### GLACIER POINT

#### Snack Stand

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Grocery

### Wawona Grocery Store

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Gifts, Books, & Apparel

### WAWONA

#### Wawona Hotel Golf Shop

8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

#### Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Wawona Wilderness Center

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

### MARIPOSA GROVE

#### Gift Shop

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Museum Shop

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

### GLACIER POINT

#### Gift Shop

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Post Office

### Wawona Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## ATM

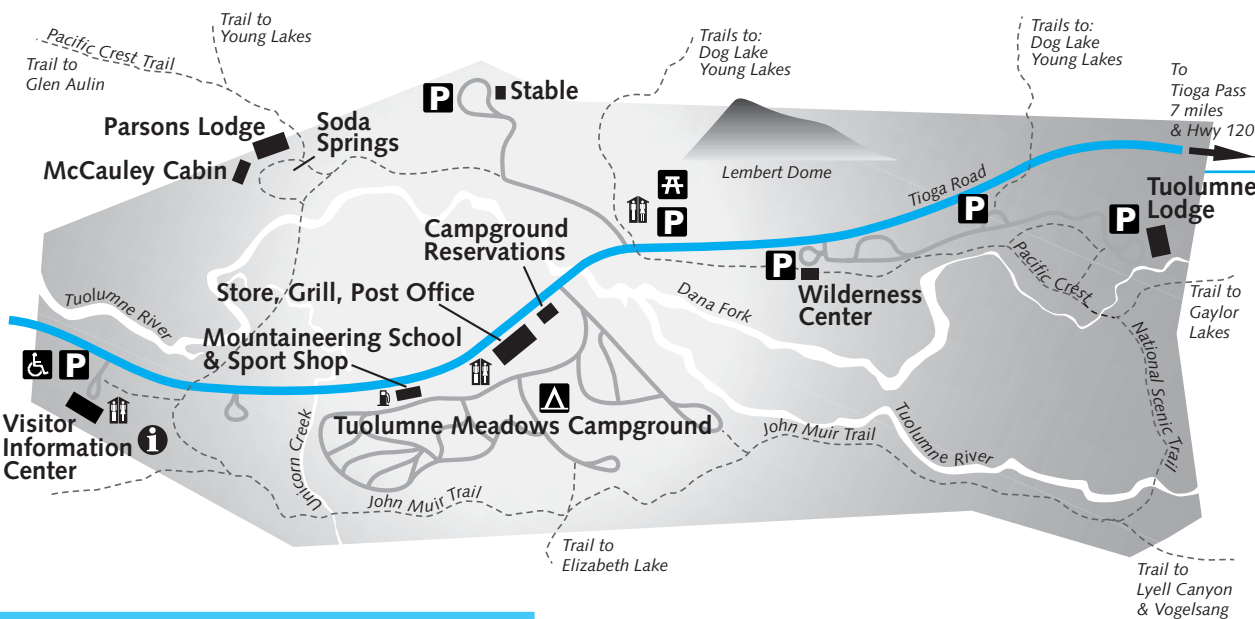
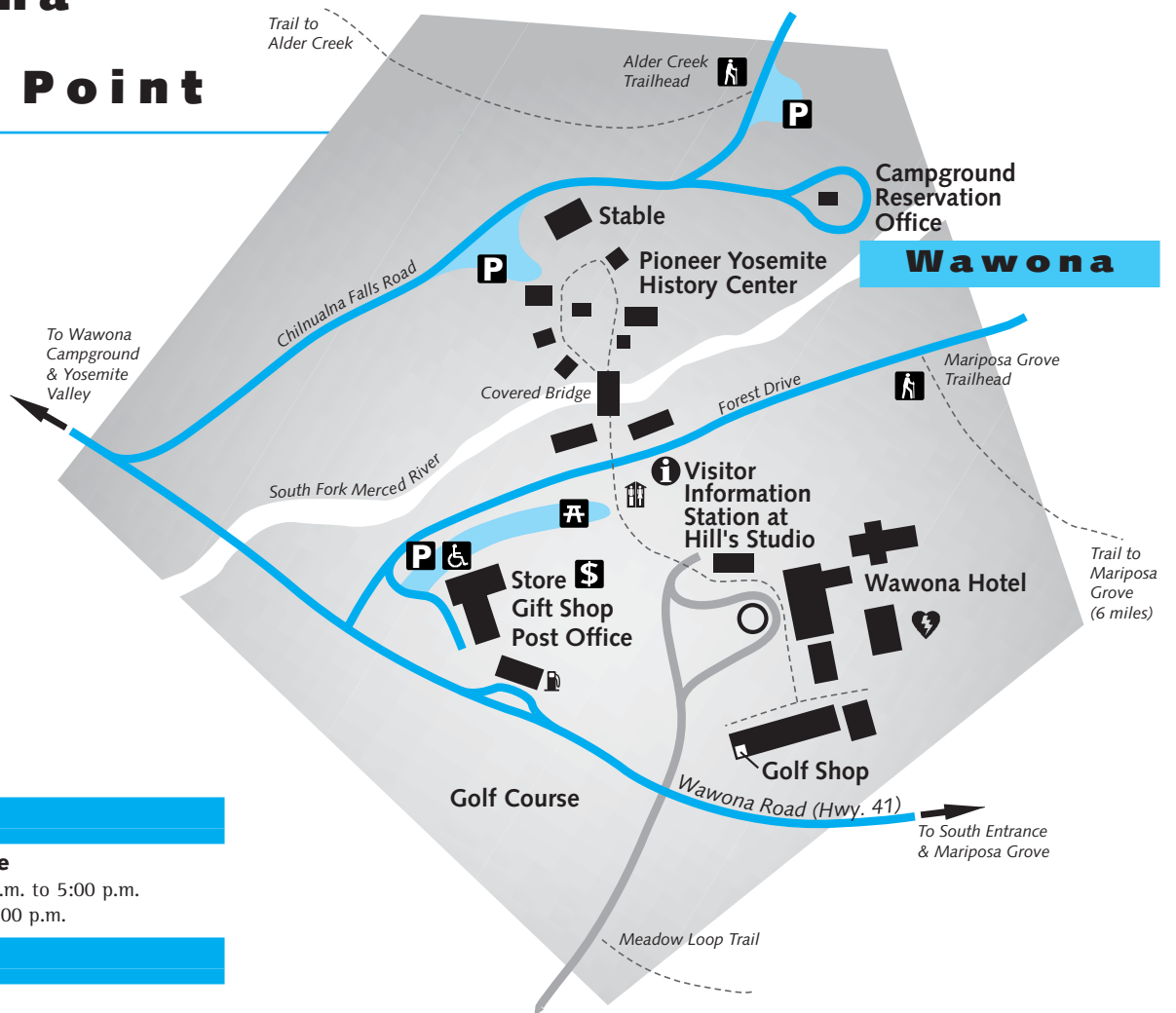
### Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

## Gas Station

### Wawona

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available.  
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.



# Tuolumne Meadows

## Food & Beverage Service

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

#### Tuolumne Meadows Grill

Closed for season September 26  
 Sunday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

##### Dining Room

Closed for season September 19  
 Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
 Dinner – 5:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Meals are served family style and dinner reservations are required, call 209/372-8413

## Grocery

### Tuolumne Meadows Store

Closed for season September 27  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Gifts, Books, & Apparel

### Mountaineering School and Sport Shop

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 209/372-8344 for reservations

### Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

Closed for season September 26  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Inside the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

### Tuolumne Meadows Store

Closed for season September 27  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Closed for season September 26  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shuttle stop #3

### Wilderness Center

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Showers

### Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

Closed for season September 19  
 Guests – 24 hours  
 Non-guests – Noon to 3:30 p.m.

## Post Office

### Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

Closed for season September 17  
 Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## Gas Station

### Tuolumne Meadows

Closed for season September 30  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Propane available.  
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

## Tuolumne Meadows

# White Wolf Crane Flat El Portal

## Food & Beverage Service

### WHITE WOLF LODGE

Last breakfast served on September 12  
 Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
 Take-out lunch - Order night before  
 Dinner – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Dinner by reservation only, 24 hours in advance,  
 call 209/372-8416

## Grocery

### Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### El Portal Market

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### White Wolf Camp Store

Closed for season September 11  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Post Office

### El Portal Post Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,  
 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## ATM

### El Portal

Closed for season September 11  
 On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Lodge and  
 the El Portal Market.

## Gas Station

### Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Diesel available.  
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### El Portal

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available.  
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

# General Park Information

## Emergency 911

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency:  
Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)

## Information

**Road and Weather**  
**General Park Information**  
209/372-0200 [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)  
**Campground Reservations**  
800/436-7275 [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)

## Medical

**Yosemite Medical Clinic**  
Emergency care: 24 hours daily  
Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Appointments  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday  
Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

## PAD Program

Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Valley Visitor Center, Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Glacier Point Gift Shop (summer) or Badger Pass Lodge (winter).

## Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

## Services For Disabled

The *Yosemite Accessibility Guide* is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at [www.nps.gov/yose/access/](http://www.nps.gov/yose/access/)

TTYs are available inside The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and outside the Curry Village front desk.

## Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 ([www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com))

For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

## Bear Canister Rental

Available for \$5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School and Sport Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

## Recreation

Conditions permitting.

## YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

### Curry Village

Located in the Mountain Shop  
8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

## Tuolumne Meadows

*Closed for season September 26*  
Located at gas station  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8344

## BICYCLE RENTAL

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

### Yosemite Lodge

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

### Curry Village

Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

## TRAIL RIDES

*Weather permitting*  
2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations.

### Yosemite Valley

*Closed for season September 26*  
Located at shuttle stop #18  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

### Tuolumne Meadows

*Closed for season September 19*  
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8427

## SWIMMING POOL

*Weather permitting*

### Curry Village

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Yosemite Lodge

Lap swim 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
General Swim 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## GOLFING

### Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
9-hole, par 35 course  
Green fees: 9 holes is \$14.50,  
18 holes is \$23.60

## Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

### Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk

7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Curry Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Visitor Center-Yosemite Village

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs at 10:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 6:00 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.\* **Most tours are conducted by National Park Service Rangers.**

### Glacier Point Tour

A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30, and 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.\*

### Big Trees Tram Tour

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.\* Call 209/375-1621 for information.

### Grand Tour

An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.\*

\*Weather permitting

## Night Sky Information

Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. Here are some sights to look for while you are out during the nighttime hours.



**September 9** Mercury can be seen very low in the eastern sky before dawn. To find Mercury, look for the Moon, Saturn and a very bright Venus. All three planets form a vertical curve high in the east, and Mercury will be far below these planets, a bit to the left.

**September 12** At dawn, Venus can be spotted in the east, with Saturn appearing faintly above. To Venus' lower left is the waning crescent Moon, and below the Moon is Mercury.

**September 19** A crescent Moon will become visible this evening just after twilight among the constellation Scorpius.

**September 22** Autumnal Equinox (first day of autumn).

**September 28** The Full Harvest Moon rises tonight at 7:17pm.

**October 3** Before dawn, look for Venus, which will appear very bright in the eastern sky.

# General Services

## ATM

### Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America)  
Inside Village Store

### Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

### Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

### Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

### El Portal

On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

## Miscellaneous

### Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

### Kennel

*Closed for season*

## Service Organizations

### Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Wednesday  
DNC General Office Building  
(Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

### Alcoholics Anonymous

8:30 p.m. Sunday  
7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday  
DNC General Office Building  
(Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

### Narcotics Anonymous

7:30 p.m. Saturday  
DNC General Office Building  
(Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

### Lions Club

Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee.

Call 209/372-4475 for information.

### Rotary International

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-1401.

## Tree Hazards

Young, old, and even dead trees are important in natural areas like Yosemite National Park. The National Park Service has an effective tree hazard management program, but people need to be aware that trees in natural areas occasionally fall, sometimes injuring people and property.



Ranger-led tram tour NPS Photo by Raye Santos

## Religious Services

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian)  
Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831  
Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

### Worship Service

#### Yosemite Valley Chapel

9:15 a.m. Sunday (Children's Church and Nursery available)  
6:30 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 p.m. Thursday

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

### Mass in Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center West Auditorium  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307  
El Portal Chapel  
Worship Service  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

**Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service**  
Sunday 1:00pm at Yosemite Chapel

### CROSSWAY CHURCH

(Christian Protestant)  
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

### Worship Service

Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Curry Village Community Center  
(behind Bicycle Rentals)

### EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255  
El Portal Chapel

### Worship Service

First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.  
Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.

## Fall Color Display

This time of year as temperatures cool and days get shorter, leaves on deciduous trees stop producing chlorophylls and the familiar green color fades away to reveal the other pigments which have been masked all season. Quaking aspen and big-leaf maple display the yellow carotenoids. Continued sunny days and cool nights traps sugars in leaves and some leaves will form the red pigment anthocyanin, coloring trees like dogwoods or the non-native sugar maple near Yosemite Chapel, or vines like the poison-oak along the El Portal Road a brilliant orange, pink, or even purple. The best autumn colors occur under conditions like we're having now—clear, dry, and cool but not freezing weather. The degree of color may vary from tree to tree and even leaf to leaf.

*Adapted from Why Leaves Change Color, USDA FS-12 and Physiology of Woody Plants, Kramer and Kozlowski, by Park Forester Brian Mattos.*