

Yosemite Today

November 30, 2004 - January 3, 2005

Yosemite National Park

ROAD INFO

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

For information on visitor services, park history, hiking trails, and more, refer to the *Guide to Yosemite*.

Shuttle Bus Route

Shuttle Bus Only Shuttle Bus Stop

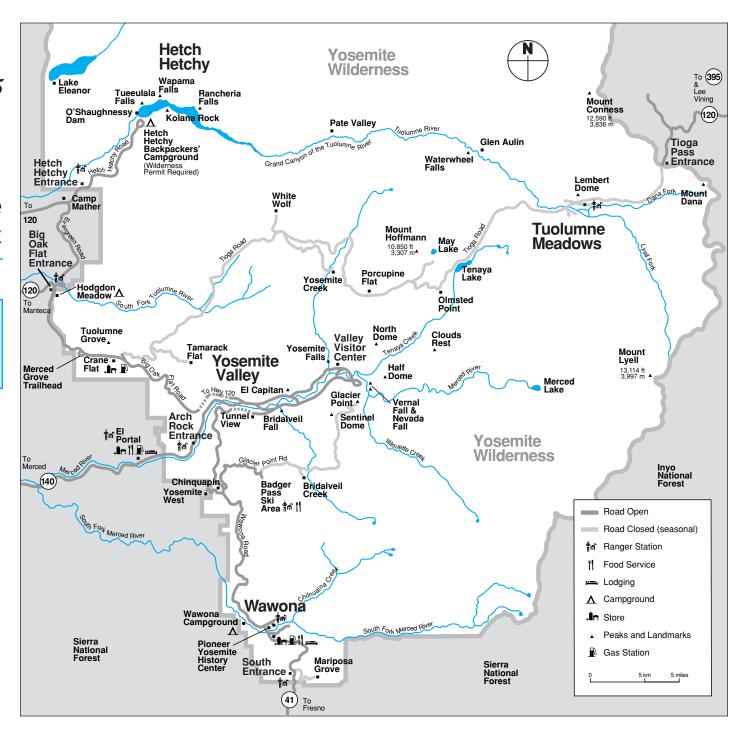
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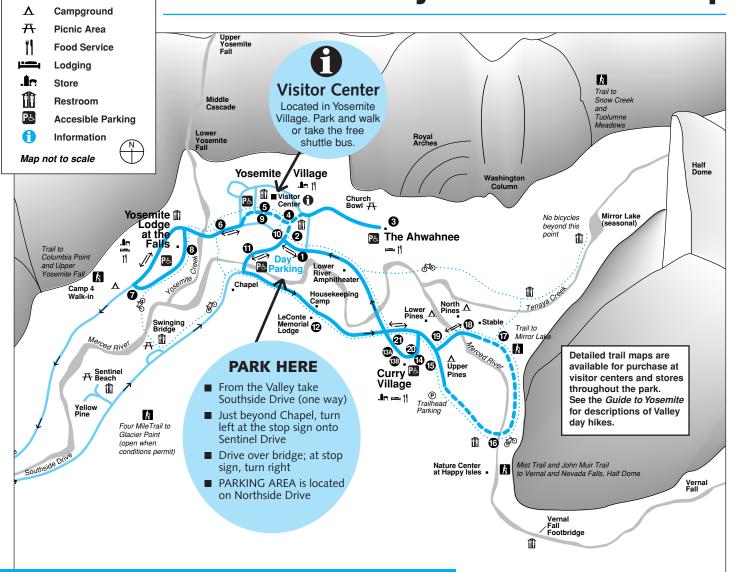
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Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 30-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 at the Falls
- 9 Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/ LeConte Memorial Lodge
- (3) Curry Village Rental Center
- 3B Curry Village Registration Desk
- 14 Curry Village Parking
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Closed for season
- 17 Closed for season
- 18 Stable
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village Parking
- 21 Curry Village Rental Center

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

Scheduled **Events**

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

NPS = National Park Service

DNC = Delaware Corporation at Yosemite **Yosemite Valley**

AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery

= Programs offered for a fee



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

SUNDAY

9:00am WEE WILD ONES (December 12 & 19 only) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace

10:00am Ranger Talk—Experience Your America

10 min. talk on this special photo exhibit Museum Gallery (NPS)

1:00pm FAMILY WINTER CELEBRATION (January 2 only) 3 hrs. See details below

2:00pm Ranger Walk— A Changing Yosemite 11/2 hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk

(December 26 only) 2 hrs. No experience required See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge \$ (DNC)

7:30pm Film—Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for indoor venue

MONDAY

9:00am WEE WILD ONES

(DNC) &

(December 27 only) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace

11:00am CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

(December 20 only) 45 min. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) &

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories & Games

11/2 hrs. Front of Museum (NPS)

7:30pm **Evening Program**

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for topic and indoor venue (DNC/NPS) &

TUESDAY

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

11:00am CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

(December 28 only) 45 min. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) &

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees

 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3

7:30pm **Evening Program**

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Glacier Point as seen from Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center Temporarily Relocated

While the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is undergoing renovation this winter, park rangers and the Yosemite Association bookstore will be located just two doors down, between The Ansel Adams Gallery and Valley Post Office in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops #5 and #9).

Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information, maps, books, and exhibits. Bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. 🕭 🧱 TTY

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 to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 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 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Experience Your America photography exhibit will be displayed, featuring panoramic images of national parks by photographer Stan Jorstad.

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 Miwok 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.

Yosemite Valley

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Closes at 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. Closed Christmas Day. Opens at 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day.

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, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com. &

GALLERY EXHIBITS

Through December 18

Paintings: Two Views of Yosemite by Sally Owens and Penny Otwell. Both longtime residents of the Sierras create work inspired by nature. Otwell works in acrylic and oils, using vibrant colors to convey the peace and energy of Yosemite. Owens is a watercolorist who brings out the quiet beauty of nature within her subtle

Beginning December 20

Yosemite in Winter is an exhibition of photographs by Ansel Adams and other contemporary photographers featuring the winter Sierra Nevada landscape. The changing fall and winter conditions create one of the best seasons to capture images on film.

Yosemite Winter Theatre

Actor Lee Stetson portrays John Muir in The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow as he delights audiences with tales of Muir's daring winter adventures. This 1-hour show is held at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Cliff Room (see schedule above). Tickets are \$8.00/adults and \$4.00/children 12 and under and may be purchased in advance from the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls tour desk, or if seating is available, at the door. &



Come to the Yosemite Museum Gallery and enjoy panoramic photography by Stan Jorstad. This collection includes one photograph from each of fifty-eight different national parks. The exhibit will be open daily.



to Remember

A Yosemite Holiday

DECEMBER 14, 2004 to **JANUARY 1, 2005**

Caroling, concerts, & holiday cheer will ring throughout Yosemite Valley!

> Check local listings for a schedule of special events.

> > Winter Celebra **JANUARY 2** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Curry Village Guest Lounge Join park staff for an afternoon

of crafts, walks, and winter fun!

Photograph by Stan Jorstad

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DNESDAY

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s. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

Open House Learn about park improvement efforts

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THURSDAY

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

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Geology

1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

7:30pm Evening Program

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for topic and indoor venue (DNC) &

Winter Theater Live—The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow

(December 23 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Cliff Room Tickets at Lodge tour desk or at door, if available \$ (DNC) &

FRIDAY

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Wild About Wildlife

11/2 hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

7:30pm **Evening Program**

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for topic and indoor venue (DNC) と

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2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (AAG)

10:00am Ranger Talk—Experience Your

America

10 min. talk on this special photo exhibit Museum Gallery (NPS)

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls 11/2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge. Shuttle stop #11 (NPS)

3:00pm Fine Print Viewing

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

Winter Theater Live—The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow (December 25 only)

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Cliff Room Tickets at Lodge tour desk or at door, if available \$ (DNC) &

4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

½ hr. Meet at The Loft, above Degnan's Deli Children 7 and under must be accompanied by adult (AAG)

7:30pm **Evening Program**

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Check local postings for topic and indoor venue (DNC) &

Wawona

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. &

Holidays at Wawona Hotel

December 10 – 12; December 17 – January 3 Tree lighting, Santa, caroling, and ringing in the new year! Musician and historian Tom Bopp will be playing the piano and presenting programs on

Badger Pass

select evenings. Check at front desk for a schedule of events.

Opens for season December 17, weather permitting

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 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 the Falls at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 pm and 4:00 p.m. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a oneway trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

Full Moon Snowshoe Walk

December 26, 6:30 p.m.

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 yrs. Visit a tour desk, Badger Pass Lodge, or call 209/372-1240 for required advance reservations. Cost is \$14.75 with snowshoe rental, \$5 if you have our own.

NOTE: Program canceled if the Badger Pass Road closes, or if weather conditions are too severe.



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 11/4 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 Seguoias are uphill. The trailhead is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Californina Tree provide a self-quiding tour. Written translations 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 one to two hours 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 4-mile roundtrip 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, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the roundtrip hike or ski to this group of about

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 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 roundtrip walk or ski has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). It 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.

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Park Facilities and Services



ATM

Yosemite Village

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

Yosemite Lodge at the Falls

Inside main registration area

Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

El Portal

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

Babysitting

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

Food & Beverage Service

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

BADGER PASS

All facilities open December 17 weather permitting

Skiers Grill

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Snowflake Room

Friday - Sunday and holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

YOSEMITE VILLAGE Degnan's Delicatessen

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE AT THE FALLS Food Court

Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner - 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. December 25 - January 2 - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Light menu served between meal periods

Mountain Room Bar & Lounge

4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays Noon to 10:30 p.m. weekends December 25 - January 2 - Noon to 10:30 p.m. New Years Eve - Noon to 1:00 a.m.

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fri - Sat 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sun - Thurs Christmas Day - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. New Years Eve - 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room

Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Grand Brunch served New Years Day Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. December 15-16, 18-19, 21-22, 24-25 -Shortened lunch hours and no regular dinner service Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. 209/372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Food Service - 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE Coffee Corner

Open December 18 - January 2

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Pizza Patio

5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. December 17 - 19 Noon to 9:00 p.m. December 20 - January 1

WAWONA HOTEL

December 10 - 12, 17 - January 3

Dining Room Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425 December 25, Christmas dinner - Noon to 9:00 p.m. New Years Eve dinner / dance begins 7:00 p.m.

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.

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El Portal

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

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Bookstore

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

Habitat Yosemite

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fri - Sun

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

YOSEMITE LODGE AT THE FALLS

Nature Shop 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gift Shop 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sweet Shop 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

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

WAWONA

Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Degnan's Delicatessen 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Wawona Grocery Store

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

El Portal Market 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Closed Christmas and New Years Day

Showers & Laundromat

SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours

LAUNDROMAT

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Recycling

Village Store Recycling Center

10:00 a.m. 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 at the Falls Post Office

Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wawona Post Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon

El Portal Post Office

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

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. No gas. Propane available until 4:00 p.m. 209/372-8320

Service Organizations

Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Wednesday No meeting on December 8 and 15 DNC General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous

7:30 p.m. Sunday, 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.

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian)

Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831 Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

Yosemite Valley Chapel (year-round) **Worship Services**

Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Children's Church and Nursery)

Sunday 6:30 p.m.

Thursday 7:00 p.m. December 24 4:00 p.m.

New Years Eve 10:30 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

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

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

Yosemite Valley Chapel December 8 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 1:00 p.m. at Yosemite Chapel

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

Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m. County Library-Girls Club

(across the street from NPS

Administration Building)

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.

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

Campground Reservations 800/436-7275 reservations.nps.gov

Medical

9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday

Yosemite Medical Clinic Emergency care: 24 hours daily

Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

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 Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations:

Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane

Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Glacier Point Gift

Shop (summer) or Badger Pass Lodge (winter).

Valley Visitor Center, Village Store (Yosemite

Village), Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry

emergency. For more information about the PAD

Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call

& Services For Disabled

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and

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

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848

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

Bear Canister Rental

Visitor Center, Crane Flat Store, Curry Village Mountain Store, Wawona Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Wilderness Permits

All wilderness centers are closed for the season. Anyone going overnight into Yosemite's backcountry must have a wilderness permit. You can self-register at one of the following locations: Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Hill's Studio porch (near Wawona Hotel), or Hetch Hetchy Entrance

Bears can remain active throughout the winter. Visitors heading into Yosemite's wilderness areas are highly encouraged to use bear resistant food

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. **Badger Pass**

Located in the Cross Country Ski Area 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 209/372-8344

Downhill ski area, rental shop, cross-country center, ski school, snow tubing, snow lift operation:

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

conditions and information. **ICE SKATING RINK** Located at Curry Village, shuttle stops #13 and #21

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 209/372-1000 for

Opens for season December 17, conditions permitting.

209/372-8341

Monday - Friday 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. December 18 - January 2

Noon - 2:30 (in addition to above hours)

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Noon - 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Tour Desk 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in Yosemite Valley. Check at tour desk for hours.

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inside Visitor Center **Yosemite Museum Store**

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed for lunch

Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Groceries

Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Christmas Day - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closes at 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve

209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

online at www.nps.gov/yose/trip/access

(www.yosemitepark.com)

Available for \$5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley

Tioga Road is closed to all overnight parking.