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# Yosemite Today

October 4-  
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## Yosemite National Park

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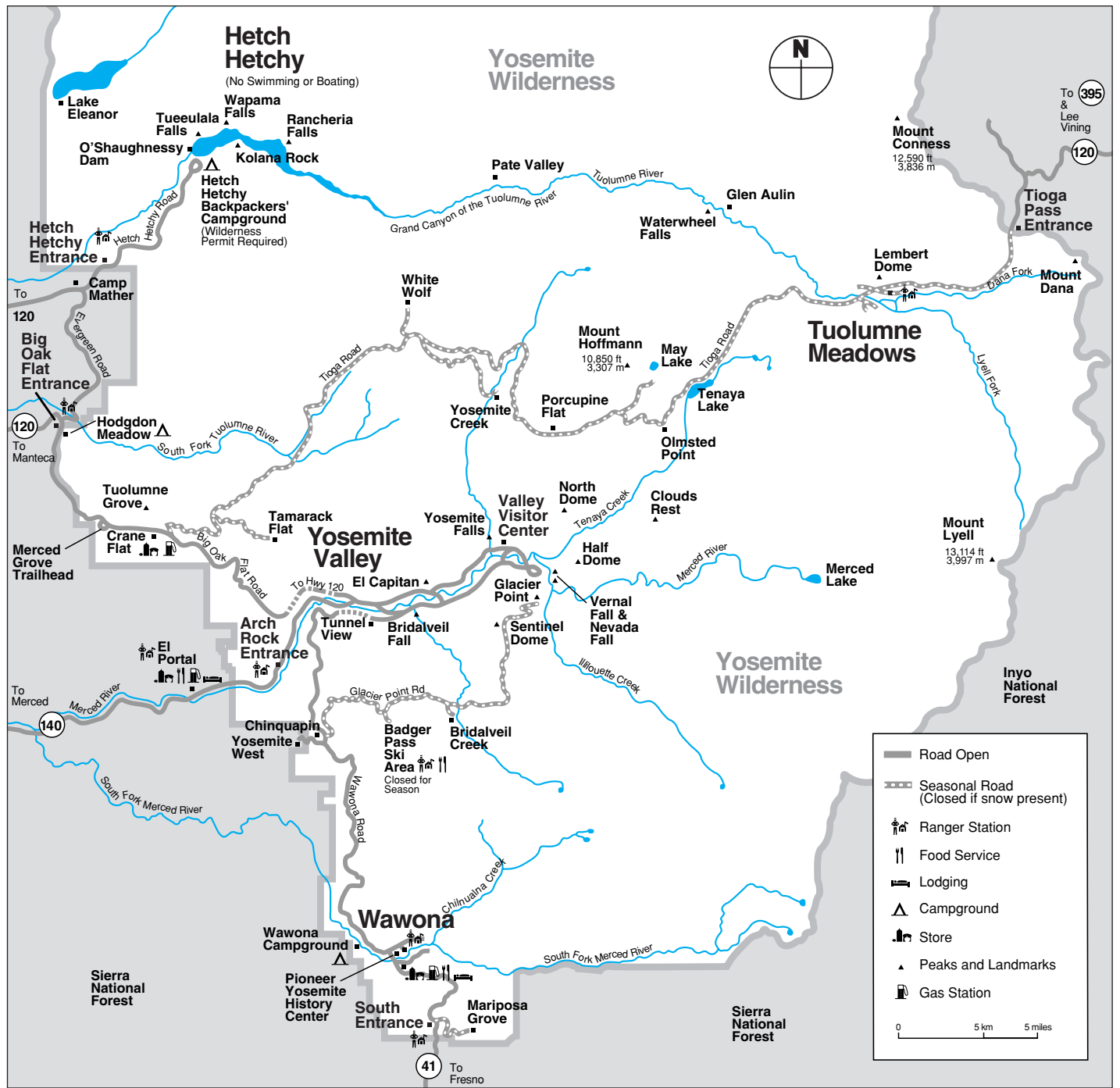
Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

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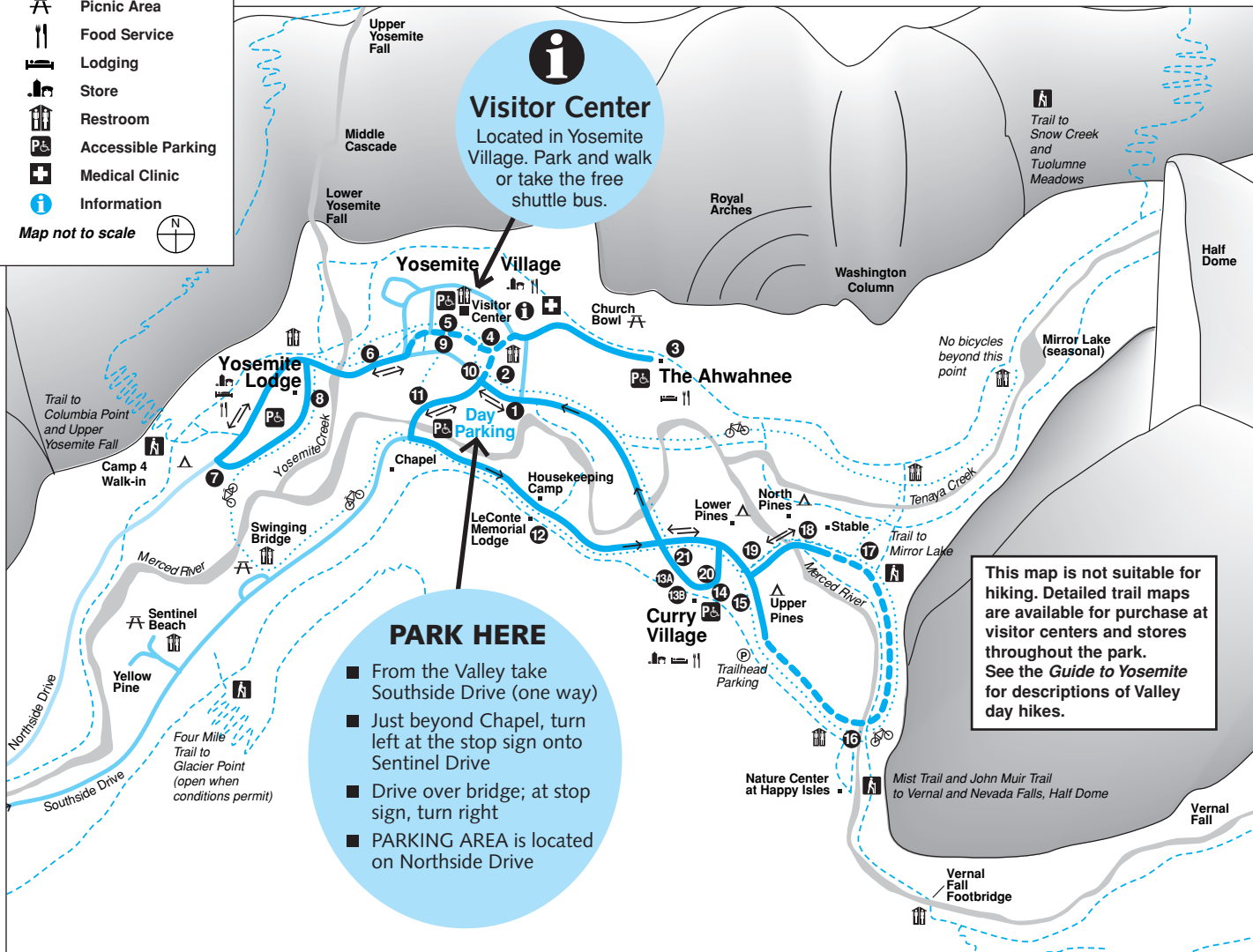
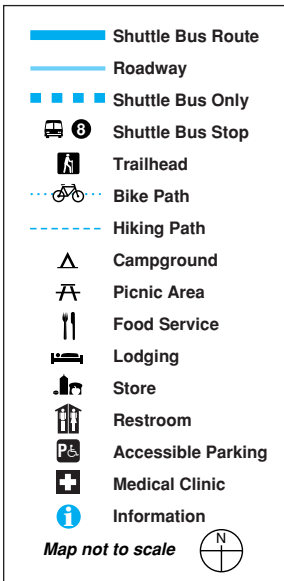
Starting October 15, parking along Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road will be limited to day use. No overnight parking will be permitted.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY BIKE TRAIL

Crews will begin making repairs (crack filling, pothole repairs, etc.) at various locations along 7-miles of the existing bikepath on the east end of Yosemite Valley. This work will require intermittent closures and delays to various trail segments while the repairs are ongoing. The bikepaths will be open on weekends and holidays during this work, unless there are safety concerns whereby a trail segment would need to remain closed for an extended period of time.



## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



### Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 15-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

\* No service after dark

### 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  
*(Public Access Defibrillation)*
- Restrooms
- Gas Station  
*(no gas in Yosemite Valley)*
- Paved Bike Path
- Hiking Trail
- Roadway
- Roadway for Shuttle Bus Only

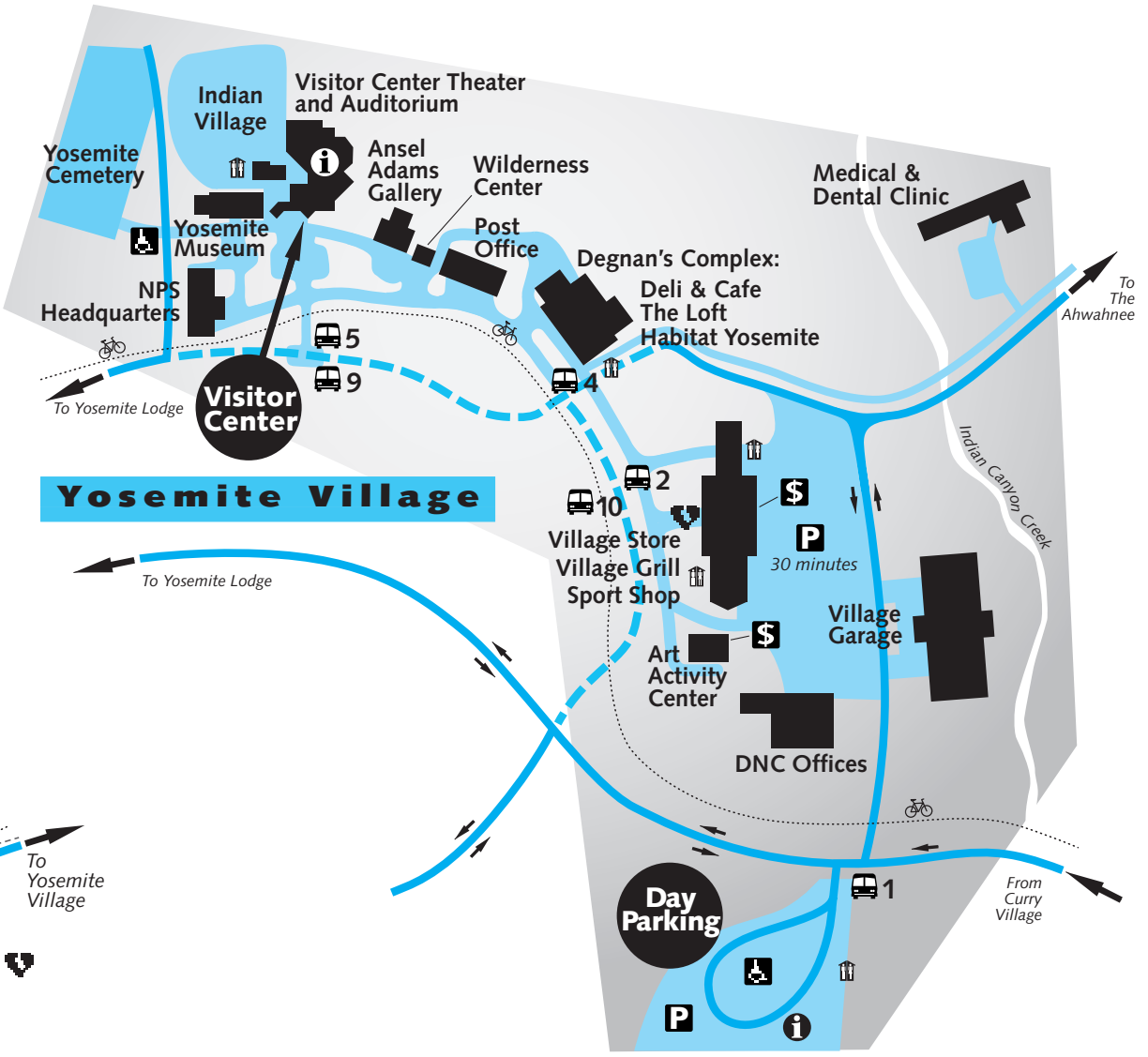


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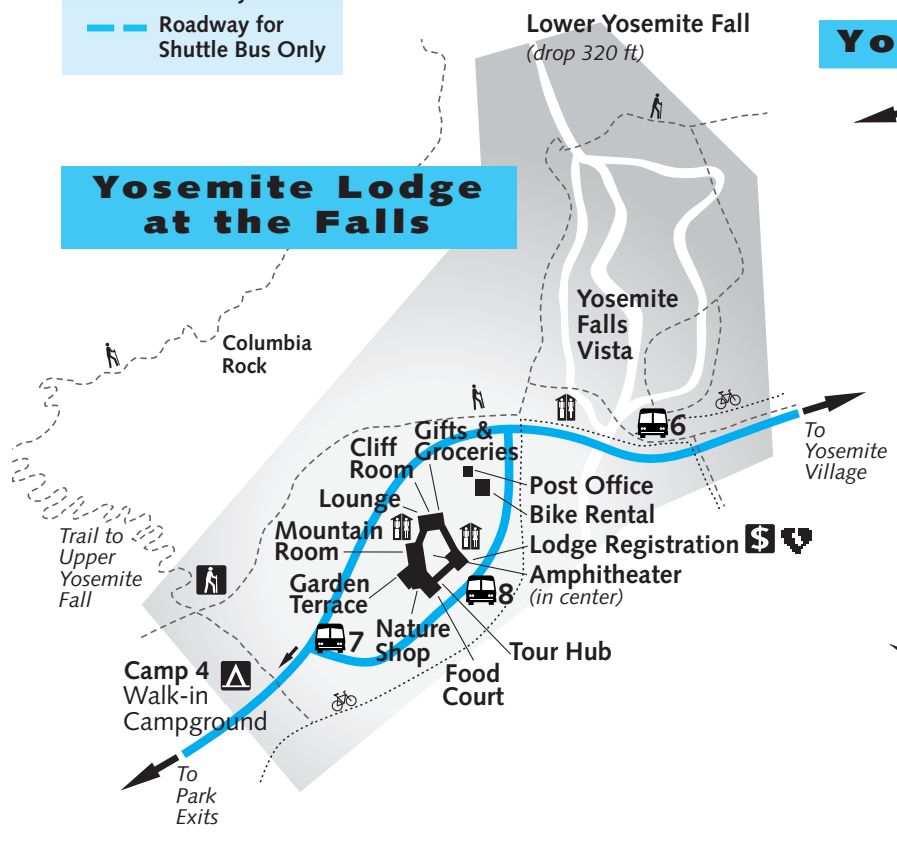
See page 64 of the *Guide to Yosemite* for a description of Valley trails and day hikes.

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

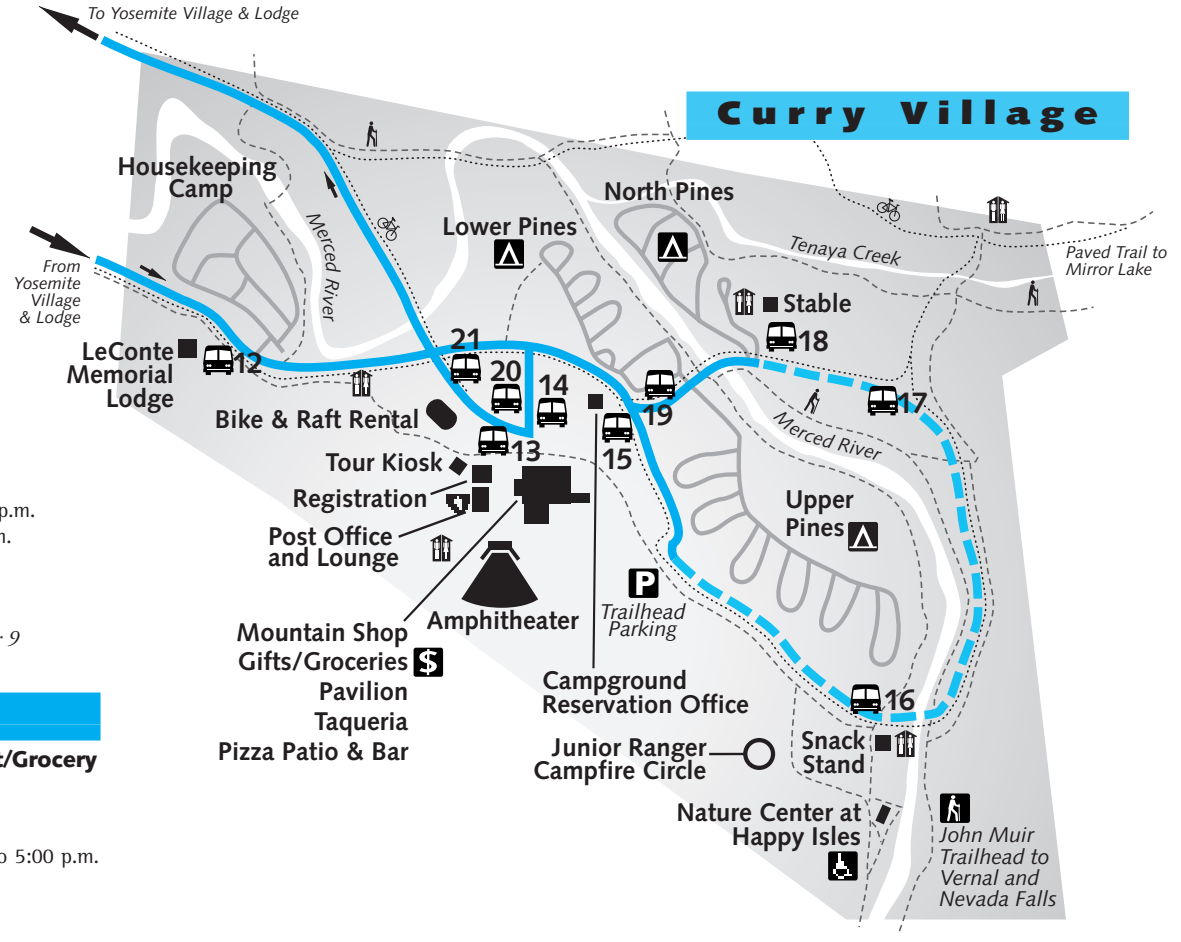


## Yosemite Village

## Yosemite Lodge at the Falls



## Curry Village



## 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** *Closed for season*
  - 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 AT THE FALLS**
- Coffee Corner**  
6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Food Court**  
Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Lunch/Dinner - 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Mountain Room Lounge**  
Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: noon to 11:00 p.m.
  - Mountain Room Restaurant**  
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Cone Stand at the Pool**  
*Closed for season*
- 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.  
Food Service - 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- CURRY VILLAGE**
- Coffee Corner** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
  - Pavilion Buffet**  
Breakfast Buffet *Open through October 30*  
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Dinner Buffet *Open through October 29*  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
  - Pavillion Bar**  
*Open through October 29*  
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: noon to 9:00 p.m.  
*Beginning October 10*  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily

- Pizza Patio** noon to 9:00 p.m.  
*Beginning October 10*  
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: noon to 9:00 p.m.
- Taqueria** *Closed for season*
- HAPPY ISLES**
- Snack Stand** *Open through October 9*  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Gifts, Books, & Apparel

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
*Beginning October 9* 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Yosemite Bookstore**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inside Visitor Center
  - Yosemite Museum Store**  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed for lunch
  - Village Store** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Habitat Yosemite** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Closed Tuesday and Wednesday*
  - Sport Shop** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Yosemite Art Center**  
*Closed for season*
  - Wilderness Center** *Open through October 23*  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES**  
*Closed for season*
- YOSEMITE LODGE AT THE FALLS**
- 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.
- CURRY 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
  - Housekeeping Camp** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 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.
  - Curry Village Recycling Center**  
*Closed for season*
- 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 - Friday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

- 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
- 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

### Visitor Center and Bookstore

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, 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 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. ♿

### Yosemite Museum

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

### FEATURES

#### Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). 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 through October 23, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 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. ♿

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Starting October 9, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services and photography supplies are offered. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch of the Gallery. For more information, call 209-372-4413 or visit [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com).

### GALLERY EXHIBIT

#### Jeffrey Conley

September 7 - October 17

Jeffrey Conley's exquisite black and white photography communicates an enhanced awareness of reality and its revelatory moments. His peaceful, meditative images are as much of an awakening for the viewer as they are soothing. Combining a sensitive and intuitive eye with excellent craftsmanship, he uses the science of photography as a vehicle to make true artworks, transcending his medium.

### Yosemite Theater Live

Come help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 23rd season! Shows are presented live onstage in the Visitor Center Theater. Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir or share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Tickets are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/ children 12 and under and are sold at the door (if available), or in advance at any tour desk. See schedule for dates and times. ♿



Half Dome\*

Photo by Colleen Brown

### Fall Color Advisory

All spring and summer leaves have been using pigments (chlorophylls, xanthophyll, and carotenoids) to make food from air, water, and sunlight. 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 the 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. Leaves directly exposed to the sun may turn red, while shaded leaves may be yellow. Leaves on some trees like white alders or California buckeyes (which are "summer deciduous" as a drought adaptation) just wither and turn brown. Leaves on marescent trees, like some California black oaks, will linger and only fall next spring when new leaves emerge. Live oaks, tan oaks, bay laurel and the conifers will keep their newest leaves throughout the winter to get a head start on food production next spring.

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

## Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee

Yosemite Field Journaling: Autumn Botanicals OCTOBER 15 - 16

Autumn Light: Photography in Yosemite Valley & Beyond OCTOBER 27 - 30

Yosemite Botanical Symposium OCTOBER 28 - 30

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

## Tuolumne Meadows



Cathedral Lake and Peak can be reached on foot from Tuolumne Meadows via the John Muir Trail. Photo by Bryan Harry

### 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.

### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Tentatively open through October 15, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Starting October 16, permits are available by self-registration at the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available. ♿



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Short steep inclines may be encountered.

# Scheduled Events

**SUNDAY**  
October 9, 16, 23, 30

**MONDAY**  
October 10, 17, 24, 31

**TUESDAY**  
OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25

Yosemite Valley

8:00am **Coffee with a Ranger**  
1 1/2 hrs.  
Plan your trip or just chat with a ranger  
Drinks available at nearby Coffee Corner  
Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater  
(NPS) ♻️

9:00am **WEE WILD ONES**  
(except October 30)  
45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and  
under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace  
(DNC)

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**  
1 1/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

7:30pm **Film - Ansel Adams**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and  
topic (AAG) ♻️

10:00am **Ranger Walk—A Changing Yosemite**  
(except October 10)  
1 1/2 hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First  
People**  
1 1/2 hrs. Behind Visitor Center (NPS)

4:30pm **Autumn Twilight Stroll**  
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (DNC)

7:30pm **Evening Program**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and  
topic (DNC) ♻️

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

**CHILDREN'S STORYTIME**  
1/2 hr. For children 7 and under. Children  
must be accompanied by an adult.  
Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) ♻️

Noon **Yosemite Forum—Interaction of  
Climate and Hydrology**  
(October 11 only)  
1 hr. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium  
(NPS) ♻️

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**  
1 1/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

7:30pm **FIRESIDE STORYTELLING FOR ALL  
AGES**  
1 hr. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace  
(DNC)

**Yosemite Theater – LIVE**  
**Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a  
Fourth Marriage: Stories of a  
Pioneer Woman**  
(October 11 only)  
1 1/2 hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
Tickets at any tour desk or at the door  
\$ (DNC) ♻️

**Evening Program**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and  
topic (DNC) ♻️

Wawona  
Mariposa Grove

5:30pm **Vintage Music of Yosemite**  
4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer  
Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)



## HELP KEEP YOSEMITE BEARS WILD!

Did you know that during the fall bears must eat 20,000 calories daily to prepare for winter? That's about 1,650 acorns each day (130 chocolate bars for you or me)!

Help keep Yosemite's bears wild. Be sure to store your food, drinks, toiletries, and any scented items according to park regulations while staying at Yosemite National Park. Look for Yosemite Valley programs about the amazing life of bears.

## Tree Hazards

Winter storms with strong winds or heavy snows often cause tree failures, sometimes resulting in property damage or tragic injuries. Yosemite forestry crews survey trees that are adjacent to facilities such as residences, lodges, campgrounds, parking lots, and roads. These crews look for visible defects in the trees that make them likely to fail and injure people or damage property. High priority tree hazards are pruned or removed.

Some trees that have not been identified as tree hazards also fail. To avoid injury or damage to your property, stay aware of your surroundings. Park in open areas away from trees when severe storms are blowing or forecast.

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
- AAC = American Alpine Club
- SC = Sierra Club
- YA = Yosemite Association
- YF = Yosemite Fund
- \$ = Programs offered for a fee



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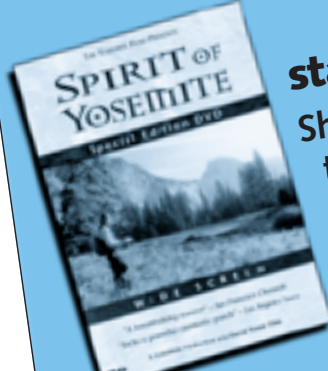
# SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

Don't miss this  
award-winning,  
state-of-the-art film!

Shown every 30 minutes at  
the Valley Visitor Center,  
free of charge.

See map on front page for  
directions to Day Parking.  
Take shuttle to stop #5.

Pick up your free Yosemite Map and Guide  
at the Visitor Center.





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### WEDNESDAY October 5, 12, 19, 26

- 9:00am **WEE WILD ONES**  
(except October 12)  
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC)
- 2:00pm **NPS Open House**  
(October 26 only)  
4 hrs. Come and learn about park improvement efforts.  
Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) ♻
- 3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Geology**  
1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)
- 7:30pm **Yosemite Theater – LIVE Conversation With a Tramp – John Muir**  
(October 5 and 12 only)  
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) ♻
- Evening Program**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC) ♻

### THURSDAY October 6, 13, 20, 27

- 9:00 am **Photography Walk**  
2+ hrs. Limited space advance sign-up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (AAG)
- 3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy**  
1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)
- 4:30pm **Autumn Twilight Stroll**  
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (DNC)
- 7:30pm **Yosemite Theater – LIVE Stickeen & Other Mortals – John Muir**  
(October 6 and 13 only)  
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) ♻
- Evening Program**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC) ♻

### FRIDAY October 7, 14, 21, 28

- 10:00am **Ranger Walk—Awhaneechee Tools and Treasures**  
1½ hrs. Behind Visitor Center (NPS)
- 3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**  
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)
- 7:30pm **Yosemite Theater – LIVE Spirit of John Muir**  
(October 7 and 14 only)  
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) ♻
- Evening Program**  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC) ♻

### SATURDAY October 8, 15, 22, 29

- 9:00am **Photography Walk**  
2+ hrs. Limited space advance sign-up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (AAG)
- 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 STORYTIME**  
½ hr. For children 7 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Ansel Adams Gallery front porch (AAG) ♻
- 6:30pm **HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT**  
(October 29 only)  
2½ hrs. See below for more details  
Nature Center at Happy Isles  
Near shuttle stop #16 (DNC/NPS)
- 7:30pm **Yosemite Theater – LIVE Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman**  
(October 15 only)  
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
Tickets at any tour desk or at the door \$ (DNC) ♻
- Evening Program**  
(except October 29)  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC) ♻

- 10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
(October 5 only)  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
- 5:30pm **Vintage Music of Yosemite**  
4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)

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(October 7 only)  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
- 2:00 pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
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- 5:30pm **Vintage Music of Yosemite**  
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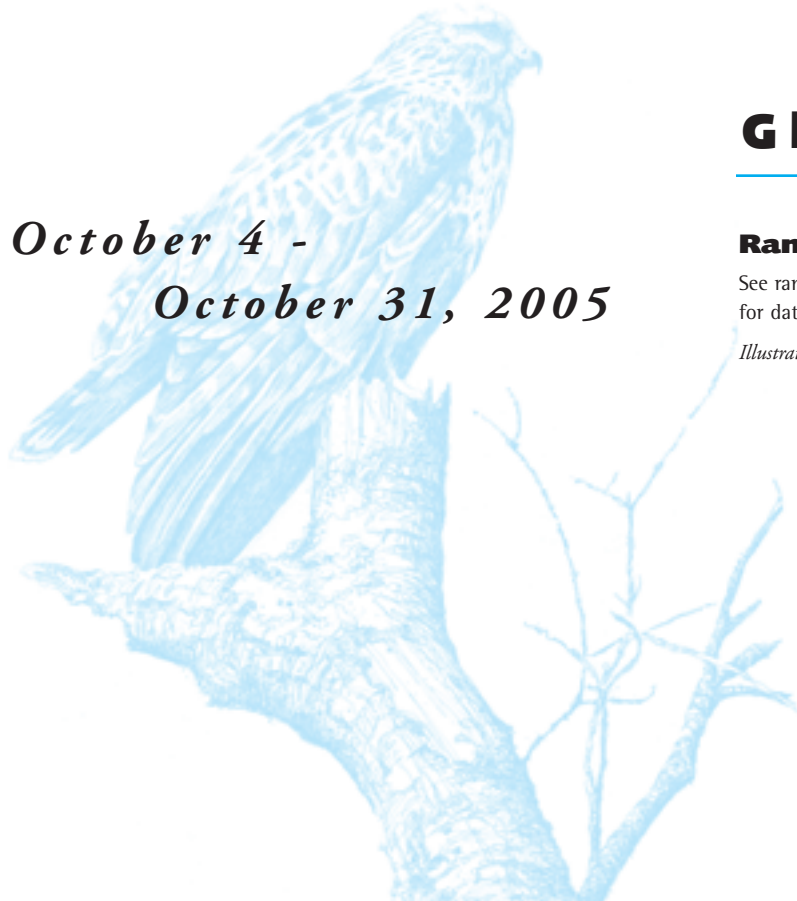
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# HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT

**OCTOBER 29 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. 2½ Hrs.**  
**NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES**

Join park interpretive staff at the Happy Isles Nature Center for an evening of "super-natural" fun for the whole family! Stations will be set up investigating some of Yosemite's nightlife such as spiders, scorpions, bats and owls. You can also go out on a night walk and enjoy a story finale to the evening with goodies and hot drinks for attendees. The Nature Center is a short walk from shuttle stop #16; shuttle service will continue out to Happy Isles until 9:30p.m. for the event. ♻

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## Glacier Point

### Ranger Programs

See ranger activities board at Glacier Point for dates and times.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Overhanging Rock at Glacier Point

Photo by D. Guidi

## Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Giant Sequoia

Photo by Sara Harvell

### Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm., 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 programs 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. ♿

### Yosemite Botanical Symposium

October 28 - 30

Peter Raven, director of the famed Missouri Botanical Garden and Steve Botti, author of "An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite NP" will keynote this full weekend of botanical learning in Wawona. Here's a chance for everyone to learn something new about Yosemite plant life and its preservation. Contact the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 or [www.yosemite.org/seminars](http://www.yosemite.org/seminars) for more information or to sign up.

### Wilderness Permits

Self-registration for wilderness permits will be available on the front porch of Hill's Studio (near Wawona Hotel) for Chilnualna Falls and Alder Creek trails only. Permits for all other trails are available at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center. Beginning October 24, self-registration for wilderness permits will be available for all park trails. Bear canister rental is available at the Wawona Store.

### 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. ♿

### 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

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate throughout the day beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:00 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.

### 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) through October 10. Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove. ♿

#### 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

### Mariposa Grove Tram Tour

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♿ Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Short steep inclines may be encountered.

## Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat

### Big Oak Flat Information Station Wilderness Permits

Self-registration for wilderness permits on porch or the Big Oak Flat Information Station.

### 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 walk 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.

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# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

## Food & Beverage Service

### WAWONA HOTEL

#### Dining Room

Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.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

### GLACIER POINT

#### Snack Stand

Open through October 16  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Grocery

### Wawona Grocery Store

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Gifts, Books, & Apparel

### WAWONA

#### Wawona Golf Shop

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

#### Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### MARIPOSA GROVE

#### Gift Shop

Open through October 23  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### Museum Shop

Open through October 10  
 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

Open through October 16  
 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.

# Crane Flat El Portal

## Grocery

### Crane Flat

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

### El Portal Market

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 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

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

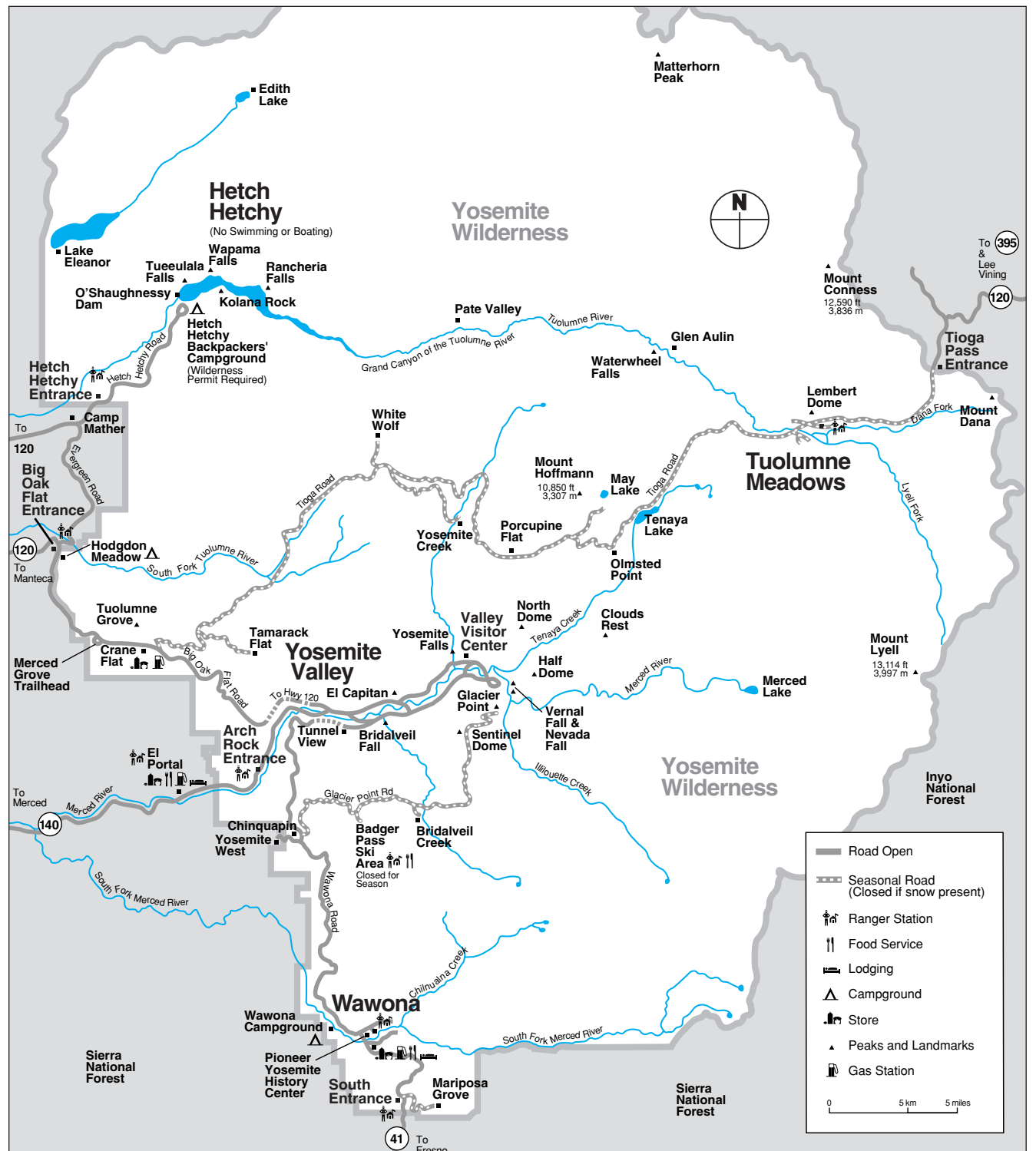
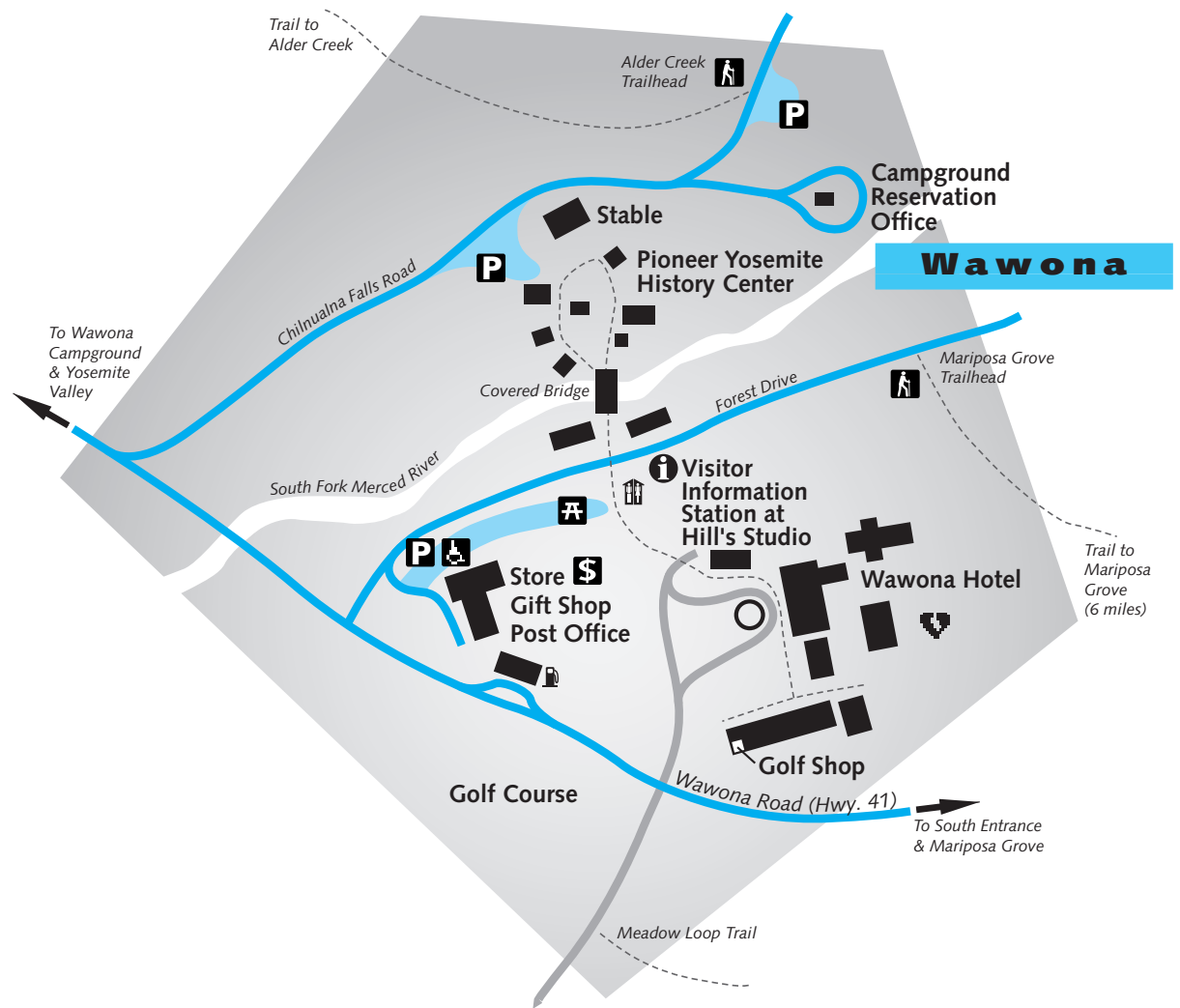
## Gas Station

### Crane Flat

Diesel fuel not 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: Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Badger Pass Lodge.

## 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, Valley Visitor Center, 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 ([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, Tulomne Meadows Wilderness Center, Wawona Store, Crane Flat Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

## Recreation

### 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.  
209/372-8344

### BICYCLE RENTAL

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. The last bike rental for the day will go out at 4:45 p.m. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

#### Yosemite Lodge at the Falls

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

#### Curry Village

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

## TRAIL RIDES

*Stables will close when weather turns.*  
2 hour rides depart at 9:00 a.m., noon and 3:00 p.m. 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

*Open through October 11 weather permitting*  
Located at shuttle stop #18  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

## GOLFING

### Wawona Golf Course

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
9-hole, par 35 course  
Green fees: 9 holes/\$18.50  
18 holes/\$29.50

## Tours

Inquire at tour and activity desks at the following locations:

### Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Tour and Activity Desk

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

### Yosemite Village Tour and Activity Kiosk

*Open through October 30*  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Curry Village Tour and Activity Kiosk

*Open through October 16*  
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## SIGHTSEEING TOURS

### Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs daily from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in Yosemite Valley.\* Contact any tour desk for times. **Most tours are conducted by National Park Service Rangers.**



*Ranger-led tram tour*  
NPS Photo by Raye Santos

### 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 at the Falls.\*

### Big Trees Tram Tour

Audio tram tours run everyday in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Tours are 1 1/4 hours through the lower and upper groves. The audio tour is available in 5 languages, as well as in audio description. Tours daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 209/375-1621 for information and tour times.

### Grand Tour

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

\*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 night hours. Mars will be big and bright during October. It will be the closest to Earth on October 29.

**October 6** At Twilight above the southwest horizon, look for Venus above the thin crescent moon.

**October 17** Full Moon, called The Hunter's Moon will be visible this morning. A slight partial eclipse of the moon during the early morning hours can be seen, the deepest "dent" on the Moon appearing at 4:30 a.m.

**October 18** Moon rises in the east-northeast after twilight. Mars rises below it a half an hour later, crossing the sky together for the rest of the night.

**October 19** Look for Mars shining brightly to the right of the Moon at mid-evening.

**October 25** At dawn, Saturn will appear to the lower right of the Moon before and during sunrise.

**October 29** Tonight Mars will be closest to Earth, 43 million miles away. It will appear unusually large if viewed through a telescope.

**October 30** Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m.

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

## Miscellaneous

### Babysitting

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

### Internet Access

Wireless Internet service is available in some public places at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls and at The Ahwahnee for a fee. Internet kiosks, also for a fee, are located in the lobby at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. Check at the front desks for more information. In addition, free terminals are available at the GirlsClub/Mariposa County Satellite Library near the Valley Visitor Center. Look for hours posted on the door.

## Service Organizations

### Al-Anon (except October 26)

7:00 p.m. Wednesday  
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  
Various Bible Studies during the week.  
Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

#### Worship Service

#### Yosemite Valley Chapel

Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Children's Church and Nursery available)  
6:30 p.m. (no child care)  
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (no child care)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

#### Mass in Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center Theater  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307  
El Portal Chapel

#### Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### CROSSWAY CHURCH

(Christian Protestant)  
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Girl's Club

### EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255  
El Portal Chapel

#### Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Small Group Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

### WAWONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor David Adamcik 209/966-3039

#### Wawona Community Center

#### Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

#### Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

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