Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day. See schedule posted at shuttle stops. In the event of snow and ice, buses may suspend service to shuttle stops #15 - #19.
**Winter in Yosemite**

**Things to Do**

**Winter Sports**
**CRANE FLAT SNOW PLAY AREA**
A snow play area is open at Crane Flat Campground in winter when snow is present. Please do not sled in or onto roadways!

**YOSEMITE SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA**
The Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) opens on December 14, conditions permitting. Live information on winter sports is available by calling (209) 372-8430; recorded information is available at (209) 372-1000. See pg 6 for hours of operation.

**YSSA A-FRAME**
Open 9am to 4pm, seven days a week when the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) is open. Wilderness permits for the Glacier Point area, Ostrander Ski Hut check-in, and cross country ski trail information available. It’s also the starting point for ranger led snowshoe walks. Open as conditions permit.

**YSSA SHUTTLE (Free)**
Take the free shuttle service to and from the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA), weather and road conditions permitting. The YSSA shuttle arrival and departure times are subject to change due to traffic and weather. Also the starting point for ranger led snowshoe trips. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yss@yosemiteconserve.org.

**SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**
Departing Yosemite Valley to YSSA:
- Half Dome Village: 8:05am & 10:35am
- Yosemite Village: 8:10am & 10:45am

Departing YSSA to Yosemite Valley:
- Yosemite Valley Lodge: 8:30am & 11am
- Yosemite Village: 8:40am & 11:10am

**ICE SKATING**
Take the shuttle to Half Dome Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience that includes a spectacular view of Half Dome. The ice rink hours, conditions permitting, are Monday through Friday, 3:30pm to 6pm, and 7pm to 9:30pm; weekends, noon to 2:30pm in addition to weekday hours. Holidays hours are from 8:30am to 11am, in addition to weekend hours. Private party rental are available during weekday mornings.

**WALKING AND HIKING**
Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities throughout the year. Stop by Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and more information about weather and current trail conditions.

**ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**
Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park. For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick-up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

**Programs and Guided Adventures**

**NATURALIST PROGRAMS**
Naturalist gives talks and talks about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history every day. See page 5 for schedule. Snowshoe walks are dependent on weather, road, and snow conditions. For additional information, check local listings at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and at any Tours & Activity Desks.

**ADVENTURE OUT WITH YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL**
We provide outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for Nordic skiers and snowshoe trips. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yss@yosemiteconserve.org.

**TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS**
Enjoy the beauty of winter in Yosemite. Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery and learn how to best capture the landscape. Several classes are offered weekly. Custom photography guides available upon request. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

**YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ART PROGRAMS**
Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm, starting March 31.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors, Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm (unless otherwise noted), and are typically held outside. Most workshops are $20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:
- Apr 1-6 Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton
- Apr 8-13 Mosaic Making with Nancy Meyer
- Apr 15-20 Spring Watercolor for Beginners with Steve Carl

We also offer a drop-in Art Table and Open Studio (daily, 11am to 3pm, starting March 31). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209) 372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit Happy Isles!

**YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ADVENTURES**
Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:
- Feb 9 Snowshoe Yosemite: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
- Feb 21-24 Yosemite Photography: Horsetail Fall & Winter Landscapes
- Mar 2 Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vista at Dewey Point
- Mar 9 Snowshoe Yosemite: Wildlife in Mariposa Grove
- Mar 16: Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vista at Dewey Point
- Mar 28-31 Watercolor Weekend: Plein-Air Painting in Yosemite Valley
- Mar 29 Yosemite’s Stage Coach Roads: Wawona & Big Oak Flat
- Mar 31 Merced River Canyon Wildflower Hike

**Outside Yosemite Valley**

**PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER**
As 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.

**TUOLUMNE GROVE**
The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 mature sequoias is near the Big Oak Flat and Tioga road intersection at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill, dropping 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. There is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail in the grove. There is no potable water in the area so bring drinking water with you.

**MERCED GROVE**
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 mature trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike, skis, or snowshoe. The trail drops 1.5 miles, making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water so bring drinking water. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.
Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

ENTRANCE FEES
Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days
(No per person fee)
Vehicle Valid for 7 days $35/Vehicle
Motorcycle Valid for 7 days $30/Motorcycle
Individual Valid for 7 days $20, (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)
Yosemite Park Pass $70
Valid for one year in Yosemite.
Interagency Annual Pass $80
Valid for 1 year at all federal recreation sites.
Interagency Senior Pass $80
(lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Annual Senior Pass $20
(Annual) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
Interagency Military Pass (Free)
(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents
Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

RESERVATIONS
Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov
Lodging Reservations
888/413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481
www.travelyosemite.com

REGIONAL INFO
Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

HIGHWAY 120 WEST
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/644-9130 or 209/966-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
209/372-0200
www.tcvb.com

HIGHWAY 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yangietheyear.com

HIGHWAY 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

HIGHWAY 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081
Mariposa Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

HIGHWAY 120 EAST
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center
760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Winter Weather and Driving in Yosemite
In the event of heavy rainfall, road conditions may become hazardous, especially in areas recently burned by the Ferguson Fire. The risk of rockfalls, debris flows, and mudslides increases after a fire, mainly because of vegetation loss and increased runoff. High-risk areas for rock falls and debris flows are located within burned areas along the Highway 140 and 41 corridors. Be aware, drive cautiously, and obey posted signs and closures.

Chain Control Information:
Winter road conditions through Yosemite National Park may require tire chains. It is possible that your route will take you from an elevation of 3,000 feet up to an elevation of 7,000 feet in just a few miles, and road conditions can vary widely with the terrain. For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call (209) 372-0200.

You are required to have and carry chains or traction devices in your vehicle any time you see a “Chains Required” sign. Speed limits are 25 MPH. Signs will indicate when chains must be installed on your tires. Here is a short explanation of chain control signs on Yosemite roads.

R1 - This sign indicates that all vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install traction devices. Vehicles that have mud and snow tires do not need to have traction devices but must carry chains. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one trailer axle.

R2 - This sign indicates that chains or traction devices must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles do not need traction devices installed but must have 4-wheel drive engaged.

R3 - This sign indicates that ALL vehicles are required to install traction devices, regardless of having mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Be sure to install traction devices on the drive axle of your vehicle.

* Mud and snow tires are commonly indicated by an “M+S” icon on the side of the tire.
Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and can be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 West from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining in summer. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite’s meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall and winter scenery. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, car or with a tour, the scenery will leave you in awe and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Glacier Point Road

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area after the first significant snow fall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s south entrance station. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available—when snow covers the ground these turn into delightful ski and snowshoe tracks. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area’s low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 5pm through March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RV’s and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. They are located west of the main post office, near shuttle stops #5 and #9. The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

Yosemite Films

Two films are shown daily, every half-hour beginning at 9:30am, except on Sundays when the first showing is at noon. The last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns’ Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit plays on the hour and The Spirit of Yosemite plays on the half-hour, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, The Yosemite Museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm and may close for lunch.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Explore the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Visit with Indian Cultural Demonstrators and see demonstrations of traditional skills such as stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, flutes, etc. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts and jewelry. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 34 ART EXHIBIT

The Yosemite Renaissance competition and exhibit opens in February at the Yosemite Museum Gallery in the heart of Yosemite Valley, then travels to other art centers across California. Yosemite Renaissance 34 will be on display from February 23 through May 5, 2019.

The official opening and award ceremony will be held from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on Friday, February 22 at the Museum Gallery. The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

The work selected for the exhibit presents creative interpretations of Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada region, celebrates the environment, and inspires a new generation of people to understand, preserve and protect our parks, wild lands and natural places.

This year, 62 works were chosen by 60 artists from across the nation. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily from 10am to 5pm, 9am to 5pm beginning March 11. The gallery offers works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com.

CURRENT EXHIBIT

January 6 – February 16, 2019

Apricity - Photographs by Keith Walklet

Winter so often is maligned for its bitterness, its cold, and darkness. For former Yosemite resident and photographer, Keith S. Walklet, those characteristics are the source of much of its beauty. Rather than dreading its arrival, Walklet feels the the season is one to celebrate for its atmospheric complexity, its stark beauty and the contrast between its warm light and cool temperatures.

Apricity (n.) the warmth of the winter sun will feature a diverse selection of iconic images by Mr. Walklet which capture the drama and energy of a winter storm, the details of delicate ice formations, and the creatures that thrive in frozen landscapes.

The gallery will host a reception for the artist on February 9 from 1pm to 3pm. We hope to see you there.

NEW EXHIBIT

February 17 - March 31, 2019

Killion’s High Sierra - Hand cut Woodblocks and Giclees by Tom Killion

It is a celebrated aspect of art in the National Parks that, when successful, it evokes an emotional response and depicts a consequential interpretation of these majestic spaces. There is a caveat of this art which intends to help us see more literally the form that our parks like Yosemite have taken, while also guiding our imaginations to envision these places at their purest and most elemental structures. And this sentiment is on full display when looking at the Ukio-e style woodblock prints of Tom Killion.

Each print is full of life – with playful lines, graphic designs and rich color or tone - but there is also sincerity to it in the way it promotes a nearly unadulterated landscape worthy of our social values and appreciation. Starting February 17 through March 30, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of Mr. Killion’s work, from giclees to his newest woodblocks of Yosemite, to some rare and old favorites. We will also be holding an artist’s reception for Tom on Saturday, February 23 from 1pm to 3pm at the gallery in Yosemite Village.

FUTURE EXHIBIT

April 1 – June 9, 2019

A World of Alternatives - Photographs by Citret, Conley, Hutchins and Kouklis

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EVENING PROGRAMS

STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Feb 17) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $  

NIGHT PROWL (Except Mar. 16) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $  

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE HIKE (Feb 19 Only) 2 hrs. No experience required. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $  

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE HIKE (Feb 20 Only) 2 hrs. No experience required. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $  

STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Feb 18) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $
**Experience Your America**  Yosemite National Park

**Services in Yosemite**

**Food and Drink**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**

Degnan's Kitchen  7am to 6pm  Village Grill  11am to 6pm, beginning March 23

**THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL**

Dining Room  Breakfast: 7am to 10am  Lunch: 11am to 2pm, 11:30am to 2pm, beginning March 14  Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm  5:30pm to 9pm, beginning March 14

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm, 7am to 8pm, beginning March 16

Appropriate attire is respectfully requested for dinner. Reservations are strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch: (209) 372-1489

**Killion's High Sierra**  4:30pm to 9pm, Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm  Brunch: (209) 372-1489  Recommended for dinner and Sunday brunch. 7am to 3pm, beginning March 16

Tom Killion's Yosemite Moonrise will be on display as part of the Kilman's High Sierra exhibit at The Ansel Adams Gallery from February 17 to March 31, 2019.

** Services in Yosemite 

**Religious Services**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** (Non-denominational)
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am  Info: (209) 379-2100

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore  Sunday Service: 9:15am  Sunday Evening: 6:30pm  Wednesday Midweek: Chapel Service 7pm  Thursday Bible Study (call chapel for location):7pm  YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net  www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org  Phone: 209-372-4837

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**
Catholic Mass  Sunday: 10:00 a.m. (year-round)
Theater, behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops 5 and 9

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous 8am to 10pm, beginning March 14

**LIONS CLUB** - First and third Thursday of each month at 7pm, The Majestic Yosemite Hotel  Call (209) 372-4475

**Medical Clinic** Yosemite Valley  Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm, (209) 372-4637, Closed weekends and federal holidays. For emergency care CALL 9-1-1.

**General Services**

**YOSEMITE VALLEY**
Launder (Housekeeping Camp) 8am to 10pm  Yosemite Village Garage 8am to noon, 1pm to 5pm, Towing available 24 hours, Propane available until 4:30pm

**YOSEMITE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA**

**HALF DOME VILLAGE**
Gift/Grocery  8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm, beginning March 14  Village Store  8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm, beginning March 14

**WAWONA**
Big Trees Lodge Store  8am to 7pm, 8am to 10pm, beginning March 14

**MARIPOSA GROVE**
The Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove 9am to 5pm, Beginning March (date TBD)

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

**Post Offices**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
Main Office  Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm  Saturday: 10am to noon  **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
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**Gas Stations**

**EL PORTAL**
8am to 5pm  Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card  **BIG TREES LODGE SERVICE STATION**
9am to 6pm. Diesel & propane. Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**CRANE FLAT**
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The Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove 9am to 5pm, Beginning March (date TBD)

**YOSEMITE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA**

**Tour & Activity Desks**
**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**  7:30am to 9pm  **VILLAGE STORE TOUR KIOSK**  7:30am to 3:30pm, beginning March 27

**Recreation**

**YOSEMITE SKI AND SNOWBOARD AREA**

**LE PORTAL**
Lift Operation 9am to 4pm  Lift Tickets 8:30am to 4pm  Ski School Desk 8:30am to 4pm  Tubing 11:30am to 1:30pm and 2pm to 4pm  Cross Country Ski Center 8:30am to 4:30pm  Alpine Rentals  8:30am to 4:30pm  **HALF DOME VILLAGE**  **ICE SKATING**  (Closes March 4th, weather permitting)  Daily  12pm to 2:30pm, 3:30pm to 6pm, and 7pm to 9:30pm  **WAWONA**  **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**  **EYEGLASS POINT**  **Ski Hut**  **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
Ski Hut (Closes April 1)  Open Friday at noon to 10am Tuesday, dinner at 6pm, conditions permitting

**Glacier Point**  **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
Launder (Housekeeping Camp)  8am to 10pm  Yosemite Village Garage  8am to noon, 1pm to 5pm, Towing available 24 hours, Propane available until 4:30pm  **Medical Clinic**  Yosemite Valley  Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm, (209) 372-4637, Closed weekends and federal holidays. For emergency care CALL 9-1-1.
Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Self-registration permits are available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and the Big Oak Flat Information Station. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of $5 per person plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, www.yosemiteconservancy.org, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyosar.org.

YOSEMITE VALLEY
Wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads are available at the Visitor Center daily from 9am to 5pm. Bear canisters are also available for rent at the bookstore. For more information on wilderness travel and safety please see page 8.

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE
Self-registration wilderness permits for the Wawona and Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

BIG OAK FLAT
Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads only are available on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

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*Trails may be closed due to unsafe conditions. Ask a ranger for current conditions and heed all warning and closure signs!

General Camping Information

Services
- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33”d x 45”w x 18”h). See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available in Yosemite Valley.
- There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations
- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires
- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

GLACIER POINT
Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area A-Frame.

HETCH HETCHY
Wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy Trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station daily from 8am to 5pm. Bear canisters are also available for rent.

Half Dome Permit Information

The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put back up May 24, 2019 conditions permitting. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for 2019 permits begins March 1, 2019 and ends March 31, 2019. To apply for permits visit recreation.gov or call (877) 444-6777. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Camping

Upper Pines, Camp 4, Wawona, and Hodgdon Meadow are open year-round. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at nps.gov/yose. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS
In Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley, reservations are required through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group camps and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call (877) 444-6777 or TDD (877) 833-6777 or (518) 885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Call Center Hours:
- 7am to 7pm Pacific time (November through February)
- 7am to 9pm Pacific time (March through October)

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.
Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

Protecting yourself...

A SEASON OF TRANSITION

What will Yosemite's weather be like this time of year? The short answer is no one knows! This is a season of transition so you can experience several weather extremes in just one day. In other words, be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation. No matter the weather, this is an exciting season at Yosemite as we begin to witness the winter transition into spring. In order to enjoy Yosemite safely, a little planning is important. Your starting point is acknowledging that you are responsible for your safety. Following are a few tips to ensure that your Yosemite visit is safe and fun!

SUNLIGHT

With winter comes shorter days; always carry a flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries so that you can adjust to weather changes.

WEATHER

Weather is unpredictable and changes quickly and this affects our Park's roads. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 +1-1 for current conditions and restrictions. Be aware of changing conditions such as moisture freezing on the road surface or remaining frozen in shadows even while other surfaces have thawed. Carry tire chains - they may be required on short notice.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rivers and melting snow fill our rivers and streams so flow velocity is high. It is beautiful to witness but moving water is deceptive and deadly. Currents are too forceful for the strongest swimmers to survive even a shallow water plunge. Waters that appear still and green can have powerful unseen currents. In short, stay away from streambanks where a simple slip can have disastrous consequences and never attempt a water crossing except in safe and designated areas.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Weather is an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into contact with any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and inform your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yourhealth.htm

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals, including humans. To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include fever, chills, nausea, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: USING YOUR BACKWOODS BATHROOM

When nature calls, make sure you are at least 200 feet away from any water source. Dig a hole in dirt at least 6 inches deep so you're able to bury your waste—your toilet paper gets packed out with you. Don't bury it or try to burn it! If you are in snow and can't dig a hole to soil you are expected to pack out your waste as well.

FOR ALL SEASONS

• Let someone know—always leave travel and hiking plans, including intended routes and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.

• Stay on established trails

• River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness and crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.

• Regardless of season, stay hydrated and snack frequently! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.

• "10 hiking essentials"—including sunglasses, sunscreen, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).

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Keep Bears Wild

With warmer spring weather, bears emerge hungry from hibernation. Please, keep Yosemite’s black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

The typical daily diet of most bears can consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It’s easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

...stay away or keep your distance. You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there are more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209)372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keepbearswild.org.

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This includes items you may not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed dishes.

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<td>You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappings, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!</td>
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<td>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</td>
<td>You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed. Bears may enter campgrounds when people are present, and some will even sneak food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed andatched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.</td>
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<td>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trail</td>
<td>Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food. Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.</td>
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<td>Backpacking in the Wilderness</td>
<td>Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite. Bears in Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.</td>
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Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be! During your visit, be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at (209) 379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/your-safety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite National Park is reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management operations.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:
1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reusable containers before you leave home.
3. Put trash and recycling in the right containers.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE

#dontfeedthe landfills

Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

Coyote in snow. Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney
Yosemite: Seasonal Transitions
A Ranger’s Perspective

Spring
Spring is here, and Yosemite is coming alive again. Grass that has lain under snow is growing, and warm breezes lap around us like gentle waves. And Yosemite Falls, arguably the most recognizable waterfall in our national park system, turns from a feeble trickle to a roaring flood. The water that flows this time of year—from rivers, to waterfalls, to flooded wetland meadows, is crucial to the health of the overall ecosystem and the life that it promotes is obvious everywhere. Red-winged blackbirds, perched noisily on cow parsnip, guard their nests buried deep in the grasses while black bears, still groggy from their winter sleep, start the year with the tender grass shoots, which deer use to conceal their spring-born fawns. As the warm weather returns and the rivers rise, the temptation becomes strong to catch a snooze in a sunny meadow and dip hot feet into the meandering river after a long day of hiking. It’s at this time each year that Yosemite’s search and rescue staff slide into their neoprene wetsuits and get ready for the inevitable: when unsuspecting visitors meet icy waterways. It’s best to remain vigilant around water sources year round. - Written by a Yosemite Valley Park Ranger

Summer
In summer, the varied habitats of Yosemite become nurseries for countless wild animals. Mother deer give birth to their spotted fawns and hide them in tall meadow grass while they forage. Peregrine falcons fledge young on cliffsides while the striking sparrow known as the Oregon Junco gathers insects to feed its nestlings beside a rock on the ground. Yosemite is a living neighborhood, and summer is precious time for young animals to grow and learn about their surroundings. Unfortunately, the highways running through this park present danger to all animal life. Summer is also the busiest time in Yosemite National Park. More cars drive these highways between the months of June and September than the rest of the year combined. No matter where you come from, it will most likely take great time and effort to make it here. Please, for the sake of all the animal residents of Yosemite, take your time once you arrive. And if you take your time, and take a good look around, you’ll realize just how many furry residents live in Yosemite’s neighborhood.

Autumn in Tuolumne Meadows
Although every year is different, I’ve noticed autumn arriving around the third weekend of August. You can hear the seasonal change. Wind blows through the tops of the lodgepole pines. The kingfishers arrive and make their rattling calls as they fly the river course. The Townsend’s solitaire, a robin-like bird, sings endless warbling songs from the tops of trees, seemingly without taking a breath. The chickaree, also known as the Douglas tree squirrel, becomes more active and noisy as it makes last preparations for winter. The bilberry, a meadow ground cover, turns fiery orange and red. The days are noticeably shorter. Freezing nights frost the meadow grasses and sedges. There’s an excitement in the air, a sense of urgency and anticipation. The bears are extra hungry. It could snow any time. A raven clicks and croaks in the tree just beyond my cabin door. Brewer’s blackbirds flock together, “whirl in the autumn winds” as the poet says, and leave their many tracks in the snow. It’s the end of September, time to pack up and move to lower elevations before the big snowstorms come. Some animals stay, but most leave for the long winter. - Written by Retired Park Ranger Margaret Eissler

Winter in Yosemite Valley
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Spring Waters
Spring is here, and Yosemite is coming alive again. Grass that has lain under snow is growing, and warm breezes lap around us like gentle waves. And Yosemite Falls, arguably the most recognizable waterfall in our national park system, turns from a feeble trickle to a roaring flood. The water that flows this time of year—from rivers, to waterfalls, to flooded wetland meadows, is crucial to the health of the overall ecosystem and the life that it promotes is obvious everywhere. Red-winged blackbirds, perched noisily on cow parsnip, guard their nests buried deep in the grasses while black bears, still groggy from their winter sleep, start the year with the tender grass shoots, which deer use to conceal their spring-born fawns. As the warm weather returns and the rivers rise, the temptation becomes strong to catch a snooze in a sunny meadow and dip hot feet into the meandering river after a long day of hiking. It’s at this time each year that Yosemite’s search and rescue staff slide into their neoprene wetsuits and get ready for the inevitable: when unsuspecting visitors meet icy waterways. It’s best to remain vigilant around water sources year round. - Written by a Yosemite Valley Park Ranger

Animals of Summer
In summer, the varied habitats of Yosemite become nurseries for countless wild animals. Mother deer give birth to their spotted fawns and hide them in tall meadow grass while they forage. Peregrine falcons fledge young on cliffsides while the striking sparrow known as the Oregon Junco gathers insects to feed its nestlings beside a rock on the ground. Yosemite is a living neighborhood, and summer is precious time for young animals to grow and learn about their surroundings. Unfortunately, the highways running through this park present danger to all animal life. Summer is also the busiest time in Yosemite National Park. More cars drive these highways between the months of June and September than the rest of the year combined. No matter where you come from, it will most likely take great time and effort to make it here. Please, for the sake of all the animal residents of Yosemite, take your time once you arrive. And if you take your time, and take a good look around, you’ll realize just how many furry residents live in Yosemite’s neighborhood.

Autumn in Tuolumne Meadows
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Enhance the Visitor Experience
It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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The Ansel Adams Gallery
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NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world’s most spectacular classroom—Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite

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Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided $125 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy’s guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite
Over 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at (209) 379-1850.

Yosemite Name Changes
The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:
• Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
• Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
• The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
• Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
• Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
• Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

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