Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 20 to 30 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.

Step 3 Location
1. Yosemite Village Parking
2. Yosemite Village
3. The Ahwahnee
4. The Sentinel
5. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel/
   Ahwahnee Meadow
6. Upper Pines Campground
7. Camp 4 Yosemite Falls Parking
8. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9. Half Dome Base Trail
10. Mirror Lake Trailhead
11. The Aftershocks
12. Wawona神经
13. Wawona Road
14. Yosemite Village Parking
15. The Ahwahnee
16. Lower Pines Campground
17. Upper Pines Campground
18. North Pines Campgroun
19. Yosemite Village Parking
20. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

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A snow-covered Valley View. Photo by Rachel Zott

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**Crane Flat Snow Play Area**
A snow play area is open at Crane Flat Campground in winter when enough snow is present. Please do not sled onto roadways.

**Walking and Hiking**
Yosemite Valley has a wide range of year-round walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

**Programs and Guided Adventures**
*Naturalist Programs*
Naturalists give programs about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history every day. See page 5 for scheduled programs. For additional information, check local listings at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Tours & Activity Desks.

**Tours**
The Valley Floor Tour is a two-hour, guided tour of Yosemite Valley. It departs several times daily from Yosemite Valley Lodge, weather permitting. Call (209) 372-1240 or visit the Tours & Activity Desk at Yosemite Valley Lodge between 7:30am and 3pm, 7:30am to 7pm beginning March 13.

**Adventure Out With the Yosemite Mountaineering School**
Yosemite Mountaineering School provides 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 yms@aramark.com.

**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. See page 5 for scheduled classes.

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**Outside Yosemite Valley**

**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 from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water in the area so be sure to 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, ski, or snowshoe into the grove. The trail drops 1.5 miles, making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water so be sure to bring drinking water with you. 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.

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**Entering a National Park**
Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite’s natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).

**Fire – Police – Medical Emergency:**
- Dial 911 or (209) 372-4017
- Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
- Open Monday through Friday, 8am to 7pm, closed weekends and federal holidays

**Road, Weather, and Park Information:**
- (209) 372-2000
- Hwy 120 - 8am to 5pm, Hwy 41 - 24hr
- For information or service, please contact the park (209) 379-1200.

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**Upcoming Park Projects**

**Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project**
Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area.
When: 2019 - 2020

**Replace Big Oak Flat Welcome Center Complex**
Why: To enhance the visitor experience and improve operational efficiency for existing park programs.
When: Beginning spring 2020

**Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan**
Why: To make safety improvements, while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.
When: lasting through 2020 and 2021 seasons

**Replace Big Oak Flat Rehabilitation Project**
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When: Beginning spring 2020

**Visitor Impact: Comfort station and parking lot may not be available due to construction.

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**Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park**

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**Things to Do**

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Back Shuttle Map
Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passengers (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 Pass: $70
Valid for one year in Yosemite.
Interagency Annual Pass: $80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.
Interagency Senior Pass: $80 (Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Annual Pass: $20
For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Access Pass: $10
Free (Annual) For active duty U.S. military citizens or permanent residents.
Interagency Military Pass: $10
Free (Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
Interagency Senior Pass: $80
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Reservations
Campground Reservations
(877) 444-6777 www.recreation.gov
877) 444-6777

Regional Info
Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarns.com
Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
(800) 449-9120 or (209) 966-7081

Highway 41
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
(209) 372-0200

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce
(760) 647-6629 www.leevining.com

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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 limit is 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.

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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 Badger Pass Ski Area after the first significant snowfall. 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. Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the kiosk. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Yosemite Valley

Information, Art, and Exhibits

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 Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, 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 35 ART EXHIBIT
Yosemite Renaissance 35 competition and exhibit will be on display from February 22 through May 3, 2020, at the Yosemite Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley. The public is cordially invited to attend the exhibit opening and award ceremony on Friday, February 21, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Museum Gallery. The exhibit presents creative interpretations of Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada, celebrates the environment, and inspires people to understand, preserve and protect our parks, wild lands, and natural places. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Open daily from 10am to 5pm. The gallery offers works by Ansel Adams as well as contemporary photographers, painters, and printers. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com for more information.

EXHIBIT
January 5 – February 22
32 Degrees of Winter - Images by Resident Photographers

To Ansel Adams, furthering the art and education of photography was paramount. He advocated the importance of bringing new and younger minds into the field. He encouraged them to seek original ways of interpreting the world as they saw it through their lens. As the popularity of photography grew throughout the late 20th century, The Ansel Adams Gallery brought in permanent staff photographers to become onsite educators available to park guests looking to learn more about their cameras and the visual mysteries of the park. The benefits were mutual, with visitors liberally absorbing knowledge about photography in a place steeped in photographic tradition, while the staff had year-round access to a big back yard of natural wonders.

Opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on January 5, 2020, and running through February 22, 2020, 32 Degrees of Winter explores an array of contemporary work made by our full-time instructors and staff members as they have come to see the most enigmatic season of the year. Pieces on display will consist of platinum prints to digital photographs, and all original. A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, January 19, from 1pm to 3pm with several staff members in attendance, each of them a part of a rich history here in Yosemite and eager to share their stories and work.

NEW EXHIBIT
February 23, 2020 – April 11, 2020
Yosemite Reverence: New Paintings by James McGrew

One of the great relationships in history is the one forged between humans and nature, the intervening courtship often interpreted through the artistic mediums of the time. Yosemite’s own success story owes much to the romantics of the nineteenth century, whose photographs and paintings helped bare the conservation movement, and protect the wild lands of the West. Today, these talismans of silver and oil are held in great reverence, as affirmations of yesterday, and mnemonics for tomorrow.

With his own dedicated approach, an plein air and on elaborate studio canvases, painter James McGrew has continued this tradition. On his affinity for Yosemite, James has written:

‘Yosemite’s awesome geology, raging rivers and wildlife command awe and respect. Annual winter storms bring Yosemite not only mysterious beauty and wonder, but also accumulate the snow pack which melts each spring and generates life-sustaining waters and raging falls. Such vital water carves geologic features and provides diverse habitat and sustenance for Yosemite National Park’s ecosystems from forests and wildflower filled meadows, to aquatic systems. The complex and fragile ecosystems dependent upon winter precipitation now face greater variability and uncertain future with a warming climate.’

Opening on February 23 and running through April 11, 2020, Yosemite Reverence: New Paintings by James McGrew will showcase the dramatic beauty of winter storms and spring runoff, another chapter in the great relationship between humans and nature and art. A reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, February 29 from 1pm to 3pm.
Events and Programs

**Schedule**

**YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ADVENTURES**

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guided!

Upcoming outings include:

- **Feb 8**  
  Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Views from Dewey Point
- **Feb 22**  
  Winter Wonder: Tuolumne Grove and Crane Flat
- **Mar 7**  
  Yosemite Valley Winter Exploration
- **Mar 14**  
  Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Views from Dewey Point
- **Mar 26-27**  
  Yosemite Field School: Leave No Trace Trainer Backpack
- **Mar 29**  
  Yosemite’s West End: Naturalist Photography Walk

Visit yosemite.org/experience or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 to learn more, see all upcoming programs, and sign up. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite.

**BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER**

You could become Yosemite’s newest Junior Ranger by completing the following steps:

- Purchase a Junior Ranger or Little Cub Hand Book
- Attend a guided program
- Complete the pages in your hand book
- Pick up trash
- Return your completed book and a bag of trash to the staff at a Visitor Center
- Take your official Junior Ranger Pledge
- Receive a Junior Ranger Badge and a Junior Ranger Patch or Little Cub Button.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

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

- **AAC** American Alpine Club
- **YH** Yosemite Hospitality LLC
- **NPS** National Park Service
- **SC** Sierra Club
- **TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- **YC** Yosemite Conservancy

**SCIENCE**

- **NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **USGS** United States Geological Survey

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

- ** photographers.com **

**RECRUITER**

- **AC** Interns
- **PA** Post-graduates

**SCHEDULE**

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<td>Snowshoe Walk – Explore the Forest in Winter: (conditions permitting) Meet at Badger Pass Ranger Station for a naturalist tour of winter landscape. Bring warm clothing; Snowshoes provided. (NPS)</td>
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<td>Collector’s Fine Print Viewing: Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)</td>
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**PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES - 1pm**

- **Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Valley, near shuttle stop #5/#9.**
- **Monday & Wednesday:** Ansel Adams’ Legacy and Your Digital Camera (4 hrs.) $ |
  - Tuesday: In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography (2 hrs.) $ |
  - Tuesday & Saturday: In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams (4 hrs.) $ |
  - Thursday: Using Your Digital Camera (4 hrs.) $ |

**RANGER WALKS - 2pm**

- **1.5 hrs.** All programs, except Thursdays, begin in Yosemite Valley, near shuttle stop #5/#9.
- **Sunday:** Merced Meanders Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
- **Monday:** Yosemite’s First People Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
- **Tuesday:** Geology Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
- **Wednesday:** Inspiring Generations Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
- **Thursday:** Trees The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3
- **Friday:** Discover Yosemite Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
- **Saturday:** Ahwahneechee Lifeways Front of Yosemite Museum

**Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.**
Services in Yosemite

**Food and Drink**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
Degnan’s Kitchen
7am to 6pm

Village Grill
11am to 6pm, beginning March 21

**THE AHWAHNEE**
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, 11:30am to 3pm beginning March 13
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, 5:30pm to 9pm beginning March 13
Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. (209) 372-1489

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm, 7am to 3pm beginning March 15
Reservations recommended: (209) 372-1489

The Coffee Bar 6am to 10:30am
The Ahwahnee Bar 11:30am to 10pm, 11:30am to 11pm beginning March 13

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
Base Camp Eatery
Starbucks Coffee: 6:30am to 5pm, 6am to 6pm beginning March 13
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:45am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm to 8pm, 4:30pm to 9:30pm beginning March 13

Mountain Room Bar
Monday - Friday: 5pm to 10pm, 4:30pm to 10pm beginning March 13
Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
For reservations visit https://www.opentable.com/r/yosemite-valley-lodge-mountain-room-yosemite-national-park

**CURRY VILLAGE**

Pavilion Buffet
Opens March 13, conditions permitting
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm,

Pizza Deck
Opens March 13, conditions permitting
11am to 10pm daily

Coffee Corner
Opens March 13, conditions permitting
6am to 8:30am

**WAWONA**
Wawona Hotel
Opens for the season March 27
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 3pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Call (209) 375-1425 for reservations

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

**BADGER PASS SKI AREA**

Skiers Grill (downstairs)
8am to 4pm, Closes for season March 29
Snowflake Room (upstairs)
Friday: 12pm to 4pm
Saturday - Sunday and holidays: 10am to 4pm, Closes for season March 29

**Gas Stations**

**EL PORTAL**
8am to 5pm
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION
9am to 6pm. Diesel & propane.
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

CRANE FLAT
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card, store opens March 13, 8am to 7pm, weather permitting.

**Post Offices**

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

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**WAWONA**
Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

**Books, Gifts, & Apparel**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm, may close for lunch

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 5pm

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

Gift Shop
8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning March 13
Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

**THE AHWAHNEE**

Gift Shop
8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning March 13

**CURRY VILLAGE**

Gift Shop
8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning March 13

**BADGER PASS SKI AREA**

Sport Shop
9am to 4pm, Closes for season March 29

**RECREATION**

**TOUR AND ACTIVITY DESKS**

Yosemite Valley Lodge
7:30am to 3pm, 7:30am to 7pm beginning March 13

Village Store
7:30am to 3:30pm beginning March 25

**BADGER PASS SKI AREA**

Closes March 29, conditions permitting

Lift Operation 9am to 4pm

Lift Tickets 8:30am to 4pm

Ski School Desk 8:30am to 4pm

Tubing 10am to 11am, 11:30am to 1:30pm, 2pm to 4pm

Nordic Rental Shop 8:30am to 4:30pm

Alpine Rentals 8:30am to 4:30pm

**CURRY VILLAGE**

Ice skating
Daily: 3:30pm to 6pm, & 7pm to 9:30pm

Weekends 12pm to 2:30pm, 3:30pm to 6pm, & 7pm to 9:30pm

Holidays 8:30am to 11am, in addition to weekend hours.

**General Services**

**MEDICAL CLINIC** - Yosemite Valley
(209) 372-4637

for emergency CALL 9-1-1

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm, Closed weekends and federal holidays

**LAUNDRY (Housekeeping Camp)**
8am to 10pm

**SHOWER HOUSE (Curry Village)**
Open 24 hours

**YOSEMITE VALLEY GARAGE**

8am to noon, 1pm to 5pm

Towing available 24 hours.

**PROpane available until 4:30pm.**

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

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

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Pastor Brent Moore, Resident Minister
(209) 372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Call for wedding information and availability

**Services in The Chapel**

Sunday: 9:15am

Sunday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Shuttle stop #5 or #9

Visitor Center Theater

Catholic Mass
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. (year - round)

Visitor Center Theater
Shuttle stop #5 or #9

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Tuesday and Sunday: 7:30pm
Sunday: 8pm

Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

Church Mass
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. (year - round)

Visitor Center Theater
Shuttle stop #5 or #9

(209) 372-1489

For reservations visit https://www.opentable.com/r/yosemite-valley-lodge-mountain-room-yosemite-national-park

Services recommended: (209) 372-1489

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

Closes March 29, conditions permitting

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**Closes for season March 29**
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 during hours of operation. Self-registration permits are available at the Hill’s Studio in Wawona, Big Oak Flat Information Station, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance 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 permit 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 wilderness travel and safety please see page 8.

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 Wawona Hotel, walk from the hotel or park at the path 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 Wawona and Glacier Point Road trailheads. For more information please see page 8.

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 hoochies 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 10pm to 6am.
• Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Camping

In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Yosemite Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.

Firewood collection 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.

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!
Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wilderness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

**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.

**RIVERS AND STREAMS**

Rain and melting snow can cause our rivers and streams to flow fast and high. Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow.

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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 details or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at (209) 379-1992.

### E-BIKES

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed on roads open to cars, as well as on Happy Isles Road and Mirror Lake Road. They are not allowed on bike paths or trails.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yourssafety.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yourssafety.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 54), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

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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 may 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...

...scare it 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.

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**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.

### LOCATION

**Your Vehicle**

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 wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.

**Your Campsite or Tent Cabin**

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 hand-held bins with windows closed.

**Picnic Areas & on the Trail**

Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t leave your car to your food.

**Backpacking in the Wilderness**

Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.

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**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.
A series of seasonal physiological shifts help giant sequoias (including the always impressive Grizzly Giant) survive winter months. As daylight shortens and shadows lengthen, temperatures drop and the flora and fauna of Yosemite adjust to the rhythm of winter. Along with mugs of hot cocoa around a roaring fire, this is a wonderful time of quiet beauty to get out and enjoy the interesting adaptations of winter life. In southern Yosemite, the Mariposa Grove is a superb place to explore and observe biological intricacies that make survival possible for life during this quieting season.

Skeletal branches of deciduous trees and shrubs in winter allow for unobstructed views of neighboring lofty evergreens: pines, cedars, firs and sequoias. Shorter day length and dropping temperatures trigger conifers to boost the sugar content of the liquids in their vascular systems to stave off the possibility of cellular freezing and ensure survival by lowering the freezing temperature of moist tree tissue.

As botanical growth slows in winter, the cells that are produced in the sapwood of the tree are smaller and densely packed together, appearing darker. The following summer, when daylight is abundant with warmer temperatures, the cells produced are much larger, and hence appear lighter in color. In dendrochronology, the study of tree rings, one thin line of dark tissue thus represents the slower winter growth and the lighter colored tissue represents the lush summer growth. One complete year of growth includes one larger pale summer ring and the adjoining darker thin winter band.

California black oaks, which are generally found in sunny and drier locations within a sequoia grove, don’t lose all their leaves. Some brittle, tan-colored oak leaves can hang tenaciously onto twigs, rustling late into the spring season. This interesting aspect of the local deciduous black oak is referred to as marcescence.

Wild ginger, with its deep green, fleshy leaves, survives under the snowpack, sprawling near prone logs to use the extra protection and insulation that fallen tree trunks provide. Scouring rush, commonly called horsetail, is an upright and winter-hardy plant that clusters in and around moist riparian areas throughout the snowy landscape. (In the image above, you can see horsetail growing in the foreground, near the base of the sequoias.)

Neon green wolf lichen grows robustly on the furrowed bark of many evergreen trees in winter. Relative snow depth can be deduced by viewing the height at which the wolf lichen grows on tree trunks. Deep winter snow discourage the growth of this lichen on the lower portion of tree trunks.

While exploring Mariposa Grove, look for some of the ways wild animals cope with winter. One strategy is migration: Leave the area for a more suitable location if one has long enough legs or wings to facilitate the departure. Another method is hibernation: Consume enormous amounts of food during the autumn months to allow steady metabolization of abundant stored fat. Insects take yet another approach: They ensure the survival of their species by encapsulating their pupae, chrysalids or future offspring until more suitable conditions arrive. Some animals remain active during the winter months by living in the subnivean space, the zone under and around the insulating and protective snowpack, where they rely on previously gathered and stored summer food. Resident predatory animals hunt above and below the snowpack to fulfill their caloric needs, sometimes seeking sustenance in the subnivean zone.

The Douglas squirrel, fondly known as the chickaree, is physically and vocally active in sequoia groves throughout winter. Melting snow provides a reliable water source, and a supply of cached evergreen cones allows the chickaree to survive the challenges that winter presents. The Douglas squirrel aids in the dispersal of sequoia seeds by chewing apart the cones and leaving large midden piles of cone scales mound at the base of evergreens. In contrast, the Lodgepole chipmunk is largely absent from view during the coldest months; instead, it relies on previously stored foodstuffs and enjoys the protection of an insulating blanket of spun snow.

When early winter sunsets conceal the western horizon, moist atmospheric conditions may reward the outdoor enthusiast with skies and clouds streaked with vivid colors of pink, orange and violet. Take some time this winter to experience the beauty and serenity of a hallowed landscape among antiquity with giant sequoias as companions.

Since moving to the Yosemite area in the late 1970s, Shirley Spencer has helped thousands of people connect with the park by sharing her passion for the natural world during day hikes, snowshoe trips, art workshops and more. In addition to leading Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures, Shirley is a talented musician, athlete, artist, and author. This story was originally published on the Conservancy blog (at yosemite.org).
Supporting Your Park
Providing for Yosemite’s Future

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.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC

Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

NatureBridge

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 lifelong 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.

Yosemite Conservancy

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 over $130 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: yosemite.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:
  - Curry Village (formerly Half Dome Village)
  - The Ahwahnee (formerly The Majestic Yosemite Hotel)
  - Wawona Hotel (formerly Big Trees Lodge)
  - Badger Pass Ski Area (formerly Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area)
  - Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call (209) 372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call (209) 379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov