Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

NEW FILM
Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendors. It is shown every 30 minutes from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center’s newly remodeled West Auditorium Theatre. Closed captioning available.

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handcrafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their website at www.anseladams.com.

Gallery Exhibits

Through November 16
Sanctuary, an inspirational exhibit of photographs by acclaimed local photographer, William Neill, illustrates the ideas that we need the beauty of nature and wilderness.

November 18 – December 28
The meticulously handcrafted classic black and white photography of John Munkley who began his photographic work in the mid-1960s, guided by his spiritual insights.

Self-Guiding Trails

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley:

The Miwok in Yosemite is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A brochure is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

A Changing Yosemite is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. It winds through Cook’s Meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today.

Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle stop #17 to the shaded parking spaces near the lake.

A Changing Yosemite trail begins here.

The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll down these early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk, or tour desk.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE AHWAHNEE: Vintners’ Holidays

As fall turns to winter, savor the bounty of top vintners from around the world and raise a toast at Yosemite’s annual Vintners’ Holidays.

Session I November 11-12
Session II November 13-14
Session III November 19-20
Session IV November 24-25

Held in the grand manner of The Ahwahnee, each session features:

Four seminars from renowned wine authorities
Wine tasting of featured vintages
A Vintners’ Banquet, featuring a 5-course dinner with wines. Limited availability; advanced reservations required.

For details, stop by The Ahwahnee concierge desk or call 209/372-1489.
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Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under

Chester Bird—Granite & Ice
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1 hr. Meet in Yosemite Village

**T H U R S D A Y**

**Children’s Story Time**
Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch

**F R I D A Y**

**Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People**
Meet on Front of Indian Cultural Exhibit at Yosemite Museum

**S A T U R D A Y**

**Children’s Story Time**
Except November 23) 1 hr.
Meet Yosemite Village

**EVENING PROGRAM**
Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, Check local postings

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Yosemite Village
South of Village Inn (Bank of America)
Innside Village Store
Yosemite Lodge
Inside main registration area
Curry Village
Innside gift/mcrae store
Wawona
Innside Wawona Store

El Portal
On Highway 140 at the Yosemite Vose Lodge and the El Portal Market

Babysitting
Limited babysitting is available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk.

Food & Beverage Service
Three hours of operation are approximate:
Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.
YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Degnans Delicatessen 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Yosemite Village Grill 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
YOSEMITE LODGE
Food Court 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Litre fare served all day
Breakfast – 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Refrigeration and automatic air-conditioning specifically recommended.
The Ahwahnee Bar
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
WAWONA HOTEL
Dining Room
Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Refrigeration taken for it from 207/375-1425.

Gas Stations
Crane Flat
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.
Yosemite Village Gift/Grocery
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel available.
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Gifts, Books & Apparel
YOSEMITE VILLAGE
The Art & El Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Yosemite Bookstore
9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inside Valley Visitor Center
Yosemite Museum Store
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Village Store
9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Habitat Yosemite 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sports Shop
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through November 30
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Beguins December 1
Art Activity Center
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE
Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Nature Shop
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The Ahwahnee
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sweet Shop
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CURLY VILLAGE
Mountain Shop
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through November 30
8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Beguins December 1
Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wawona
Wawona Hotel Golf Shop
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Groceries
Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Village Store 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Yosemite Village Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wawona Grocery Store
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Crane Flat 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

El Portal Market
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. closed November 28

Showers & Laundromat
SHOWER
Curry Village 24 hours

Recreation
YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE
Yosemite mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite and the high country.

Yosemite Village
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. through November 30
8:10 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Beguins December 1
Closed for lunch
Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 207/372-8344

BICYCLE RENTAL
Bikes, mountain bikes, taggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Hourly and daily rates. Bikes must be returned by 5:15 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge
Curry Village another renting
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

GOLF
Wawona
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 207/375-6572
ICE SKATING RINK
Opens for season November 22, weather permitting.
Located at Curry Village, shuffle stop #21. 207/372-8344
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tours
Inquire at tour/temperatued desk at the following locations.
Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Yosemite Village Tour Desk
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curry Village Tour Desk
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SIGHTSEEING TOURS
All listings in this section are conditions permitting.

Valley Floor Tour
This 26-mile, 2-hour tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge. Check for hours at any tour desk.

Glacier Point Tour
A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventure to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. from Yosemite Lodge. Ends for season when Glacier Point Road closes.

Big Trees Tram Tour
Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour round trip through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:00 p.m., running every 20 minutes from the boarding area. Ends for season with the first snowfall. 207/375-1623

Grand Tour
An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:30 a.m. from Yosemite Lodge. Weather and road conditions permitting.

Wilderness Permits
All wilderness areas are closed for the season.
Anyone going overnight into Yosemite’s backcountry must have a wilderness permit. You can self-register at one of the following locations:
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio, or the Tuolumne Ranger Station, or Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station (open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily).
Tuopa Road is closed to all overnight parking.
Bear can remain active throughout the winter.
Visitors heading into Yosemite’s wilderness areas are highly encouraged to use bear resistant food containers.

Bear Canister Permit
Available for $5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Sport Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be returned at any rental location in the park.

Recycling
Yosemite Village Store Recycling Center 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Bottles and cans may also be returned to place of purchase or park gas stations.

Post Offices
Main Post Office - Yosemite Village
Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Yosemite Lodge Post Office
Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Friday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wawona Post Office
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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

El Portal Post Office
Monday – Friday: 8:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)
Village Garage 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed for lunch.
Towing 24 hours. Emergency gasoline it prepare available.

Service Organizations
Alcoholics Anonymous
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:00 p.m., YCS General Order Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village
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Saturday 7:30 p.m. YCS General Order Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village
Lions Club
Meets first and third Fridays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee.
Call 209/372-4475 for information.

Religious Services
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian International Church
Pastor Brent Moon 207/372-4831

Yosemite Valley Chapel
Worship Service and Children’s Church
Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service/Bible Study Thursday 10:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Service (November 28) 10:00 a.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Rev. Brian A. Detterman 207/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Village
Visitor Center West Auditorium Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Yosemite Valley Chapel Monday and Friday 12:15 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Thanksgiving Day Mass (November 28) 12:15 p.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH
Christian Protestant
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/399-2138
Worship Service Yosemite Chapel Monday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study
Guest’s Club/Yosemite Valley Library 2:00 – 4:00

EL PORTO CLUB COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Ron Mark 207/372-1335
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WAWONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor David Allen 209/966-3019
Wawona Community Center
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
Sunday 9:00 a.m.