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December 3, 2002 - January 6, 2003

Yosemite National Park

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911 (from hotel room 9-911)
Road and Weather/General Park Information 209/372-0200
Campground Reservations 800/438-7777
Lodging Reservations 559/352-4848
Ski Conditions

Important Phone Numbers

DESTINATIONS
Parking Restroom Picnic Area Campground Bike Path Hiking Trail Shuttle Bus Stop Shuttle Bus Route Roadway Trailhead Hiking Trail Bike Path Campground Picnic Area Restroom Parking Information

Visitor Center
Located in Yosemite Village. Park and walk or take the free shuttle bus.

Some facilities and services in Curry Village will be open limited hours. See back page.

Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park. See the Yosemite Guide for descriptions of Valley day hikes.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Schedules and routes may vary.
Shuttle buses operate daily at 20-minute intervals, except during early morning and late evening hours when intervals may be 25 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

SCHEDULE
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

1 Yosemite Village/Day Parking
2 Yosemite Village
3 The Ahwahnee
4 Degnan’s Complex
5 Visitor Center
6 Lower Yosemite Fall
7 Camp 4/Yosemite Falls Trailhead
8 Yosemite Lodge
9 Visitor Center
10 Yosemite Village
11 Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
12 Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
13 Curry Village Registration Desk
14 Curry Village Parking
15 Service only by weather permits
16 Lower Pines Campground
17 Curry Village
18 Ice Skating Rink

WHERE TO GO

Yosemite Today

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

YOSEMITE VALLEY SHUTTLE BUS MAP

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Shuttle Bus Route
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Shuttle Bus Stop Trailhead
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Map not to scale
Scheduled Events

**SUNDAY**

**11:00am**  **WEE WILD ONES**
45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **Ranger Walk—Vernal Poolers**
1 1/2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area, shuttle stop #11

**7:30pm**  **Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**Evening Program**
(Begins December 22)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**MONDAY**

**11:00am**  **WEE WILD ONES**
45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Legacy**
1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center

**7:30pm**  **Evening Program**
(Begins December 23)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**TUESDAY**

**9:00am**  **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Timed area. Sign up in advance
Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **CHILDREN'S STORY TIME**
Ansel Adams, Photographer
Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch

**7:00pm**  **Evening Program**
(Begins December 24)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**WEDNESDAY**

**11:00am**  **WEE WILD ONES**
45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ★

**8:00pm**  **FIRESIDE STORYTELLING**
Feature December 22
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**THURSDAY**

**9:00am**  **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Timed area. Sign up in advance
Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **WINTER WALK & TALK**
1 hr. Yosemite Valley

**7:00pm**  **Evening Program**
(Begins December 25)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**FRIDAY**

**9:00am**  **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Timed area. Sign up in advance
Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **Special Photography Walk**
1 hr. Yosemite Valley

**7:00pm**  **Evening Program**
(Begins December 26)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★

**SATURDAY**

**9:00am**  **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Timed area. Sign up in advance
Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (YCS) ★

**2:00pm**  **Special Photography Walk**
1 hr. Yosemite Valley

**7:00pm**  **Evening Program**
(Begins December 27)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YCS) ★
### WILD ONES
- December 15
  - Stories and surprises geared toward children 3 and under at the Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace 1 hr.

### Pioneer Yosemite History Center
- December 15
  - Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch 7:30 am and 2:00 pm

### Badger Pass

**Opens for season December 13, weather permitting**

Badger Pass, California’s oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and snowboarding activity during the winter. It is located at 7,200 feet in elevation and is a 1-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. There are 10 runs, 3 ski lifts, downhill and cross-country ski schools, and snowmaking. For more information visit the Badger Pass web site.

**Badger Pass Bus**

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area (bus begins running when ski area opens for the season). Bus schedules vary depending on weather conditions. To learn the schedule, call 209/372-1000. Bus service is available at hotel front desks.

**Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias**

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southern-most end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). Allow 1-1/2 hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, many giant sequoias can be seen from the road. The 1-hour walk to the Grove is moderately strenuous on the down part and relatively easy, depending on conditions, on the uphill return.

**Merced Grove**

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It is a 2-mile hike or ski from the Grove to the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled “B-10” and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike or ski in this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

**Tuolumne Grove**

The Tuolumne Grove is near the Tuolumne River and is accessible from the Big Oak Flat Road east of the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station. The trailhead is marked by a post labeled “B-4” and a road sign. Allow about 4 hours for the 5-mile round-trip hike or ski to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

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**Photography Walk**

- December 16
  - Meet in advance at The Ahwahnee Great Lounge 10:30 am

**Ranger Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 16
  - Meet on the Ansel Adams Gallery porch 2:00 pm

### Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias NPS Photo

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**Pioneer Yosemite History Center**

A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available. The historic Covered Bridge is temporarily closed for repairs.

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**Fireside Chat with a Ranger**

- Begins December 16
  - Meet in advance at The Ahwahnee Great Lounge 1:00 pm

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**Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**

- December 16
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 6:30 pm

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**Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 16
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 10:30 am

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**Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 17
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 2:00 pm

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**Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 18
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 10:30 am

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**Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**

- Begins December 18
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 6:30 pm

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**Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 19
  - Meet at the Ahwahnee Great Lounge 7:30 am

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**Fireside Storytelling**

- Begins December 19
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 7:30 pm

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**Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter**

- Begins December 20
  - Meet in advance at any tour desk 10:30 am

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**Sequoia Groves in Winter**

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