Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911 (from hotel room 9-911)
Road and Weather/General Park Information 209/372-0290
Campground Reservations 800/438-7275
Lodging Reservations 559/372-0200

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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

March 4 -
April 7, 2003

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

1. Shuttle Bus Route
2. Shuttle Bus Only
3. Shuttle Bus Stop
4. Trailhead
5. Bike Path
6. Campground
7. Picnic Area
8. Restroom
9. Parking
10. Information

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 as weather permits
16. Lower Pines Campground
17. Yosemite Village
18. Ice Skating Rink

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Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

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

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

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am **WEW WILD ONES** (except March 16)
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1:30 pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Legacy**
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1 hr. Front of Valley Visitor Center

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1:30 pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite in Winter**
1 1/2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area shuttle stop #11

7:30 pm **FIRESIDE STORYTELLING**
(March 10 and April 7 only)
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS).

7:30 pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS).

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am **Discovering Spring Wildflowers at Hite Cove**
(April 6 only) 6 hrs. See details below (YCS) $ 51

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(March 16 only)
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**Valley Visitor Center**

Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (bus stop #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, a multilingual One Day or Yosemite program and self-registration for wilderness permits. TTY

**NEW FILM**

**Spirit of Yosemite**

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

**YOSEMITE MUSEUM**

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

**FEATURES**

**Indian Cultural Exhibit**

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

**The Indian Village of Ahwahnee**

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. TTY

**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.

**BADGER PASS**

Indicates programs and facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

**Yosemite Valley**

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APRIL 6, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.
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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. 

**Badger Pass**

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, ski rentals, and a day lodge. Cross-country skiers will find groomed and ungroomed trails that originate at Badger Pass, tracks are groomed on the Glacier Point Road all the way to Glacier Point. Wawona — Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). From the parking area, all trails in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias are uphill. The trailhead is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Grizzly Giant provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations of these signs are available at the trailhead (German, French, Spanish, Japanese). In winter, the access road into the Grove is closed due to snow. Once the access road is closed, an extra hour or two for the 3-mile walk from the South Entrance of the park to the Grove.

**Merced Grove**

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It’s a 2-mile hike or ski into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West), located 3.5 miles south of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south 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 to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

**Tuolumne Grove**

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tuolumne Road. The former route of the old Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Once closed to cars, this 2-mile round-trip walk or ski is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.
Park Facilities and Services

ATM
Yosemite Village
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
Inside Village Store
Yosemite Lodge
Inside main registration area
Curry Village
Inside gift/news store
Wawona
Inside Yosemite Store
El Portal
On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

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

Food & Beverage Service
These hours of operation are approximate. Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Degnan's Delicatessen 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., The Last 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fri - Sun

YOSEMITE LODGE
Food Court 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Life line served all day
Breakfast - 6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Light Lunch - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mountain Room Bar & Lounge
Weekdays: 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Weekends: Noon to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE
Buffet
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., weekend
Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., weekends

Pizza Patio
Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: noon to 9:00 p.m.

Curry Village
Closed for lunch 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Curry Village Post Office
Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The El Portal Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. 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 & propane

Service Organizations
Al-Anon
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., except March 5
YCS General Office Building
[Executive Conference Room: Yosemite Village]
Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturday 8:00 p.m.
YCS General Office Building
[Employee Training Center, Yosemite Village]
Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday 8:00 p.m.
YCS General Office Building
[Employee Training Center, Yosemite Village]

Religious Services
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian/Reformed
Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831
YOSEMITE VILLAGE CHAPEL
Worship Service and Children's Church
Saturday 9:15 a.m.
Worship Bible Study Service
Thursday 7:00 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4739
Mass in Yosemite Village
Pastor Center Auditorium
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Yosemite Community Chapel
Ash Wednesday 3:30 p.m.
CROSSWAY CHURCH
[Nondenominational Christian]
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Sunday 9:15 a.m.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Ron Skriver 209/379-1307
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Ron Skriver 209/379-2759
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
Pastor Chad M. 209/379-2759
Wawona Community Center
Worship Service
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.