Cascades Diversion Dam Removal in Progress
Please use caution when entering the intersection of El Portal and Big Oak Flat Roads in the west end of Yosemite Valley.

Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall
During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated-day visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley.

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

Yosemite National Park
ROAD INFO
Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus
Schedules and routes may vary. Check time table at each stop. Shuttle buses operate daily at 30-minute intervals. 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 Yosemite Village/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/Le Conte Memorial Lodge
13 Ice Skating Rink
14 Curry Village Registration Desk
15 Curry Village
16 Service closed for season
17 Upper Pines Campground
18 Curry Village Parking
19 Ice Skating Rink

Shuttle Bus Route
Roadway
Shuttle Bus Only
Shuttle Bus Stop Trailhead
Bike Path
Campground
Picnic Area
Restroom
Accessible Parking
Information
Map not to scale

Winter Parking
Subject to change depending on weather conditions
- Yosemite Village Main Lot
- Village Store
- Curry Village

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.

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### Scheduled Events

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**Visitor Center Temporarily Relocated**

While the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is undergoing renovation this winter, park rangers and the Yosemite Association bookstore will be located between The Ansel Adams Gallery and Yosemite Valley Post Office in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops #5 and #9).

**Valley Visitor Center**

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (noon to 5:00 p.m. December 25) Information, maps, books, and exhibits. Bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. **TTY/Handicapped accessible.**

**Films**

**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 Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. (noon to 5:00 p.m. December 25) in the Visitor Center’s West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available. **TTY/Handicapped accessible.**

**Yosemite Museum**

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

**Features**

**Indian Cultural Exhibit**

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (noon to 5:00 p.m. December 25) Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwuk and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

**Yosemite Museum Store**

Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (noon to 5:00 p.m. December 25) Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

**The Indian Village of Ahwahnee**

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnechee skills and culture. **TTY/Handicapped accessible.**

**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.

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### 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 concession rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

**Gallery Exhibits Through December 14**

The Gallery’s fall exhibit highlights a new body of work by photographer, Carol Henry, including prints made using glass, paper, and found objects. Her use of color, form, and light creates photographic images that are unique and profound.

**Beginning December 16**

The winter exhibit presents the lyrical black and white photographs of Roman Loranc, who brings an Old World romanticism to his images of the California landscape. Born in Poland, Roman emigrated to the U.S. in 1942, eventually settling in the Central Valley of California. Loranc’s first book, Two Hearted Oak, will also be featured at The Gallery.

**Special Event**

December 20

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Book signing with Roman Loranc

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Artist’s reception and holiday open house

**Yosemite Winter Theatre**

Actor Lee S. Stetson portrays John Muir in The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow as he delights audiences with tales of Muir’s daring winter adventures. This 1-hour show is held at the Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room (see schedule above). Tickets are $7.50/adults and $3.25/children 12 and under and may be purchased in advance from the Yosemite Lodge tour desk, or if seating is available, at the door.

**A Yosemite Holiday To Remember**

December 14, 2003 to January 1, 2004

Caroling, concerts, & holiday cheer will ring throughout Yosemite Valley!

Check local listings for a schedule of special events.
WHAT TO DO

WILDS ONES
December 24
1:00pm WILD ONES (December 26 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Naturalist leads a hike to the Wawona Grove. Meet at Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (DNC/NPS).

FRIDAY
December 25
1:00pm WILD ONES (December 26 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Naturalist leads a hike to the Wawona Grove. Meet at Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (DNC/NPS).

Yosemite Village at 8:10 am and 10:40 am, The Ahwahnee at 8:15 am and 10:45 am, and Yosemite Lodge at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

Badger Pass Bus
Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area (bus begins running when ski operations begin). Badger Pass, California's oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and cross-country skiing 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; trails are groomed on the Glacier Point Road all the way to Glacier Point. Wilderness permits available at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/372-1000 for ski conditions.

Badger Pass

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center and see old log cabins and buildings from Yosemite's early days. You can also learn about the growth and development of Yosemite and the national park idea in America. If the Wawona Covered Bridge is closed for restoration, you can walk to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center from the parking area on Chilnualna Falls Road. Informational signs are located in front of the buildings at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center.

Holidays at Wawona Hotel
December 13 - 14, December 19 - January 4
Tree lighting, Santa, caroling, and ringing in the new year! Check at Wawona Hotel for schedule of events.

Badger Pass

10:30 a.m. Daily Ranger Snowshoe Walk Explore the Forest in Winter
(Region 13)
2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame. Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate to strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs.

NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road is closed due to weather conditions for six weeks.

Sequoia Groves in Winter

Mariposa Grove
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