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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.

Merced River Restoration in Progress
The Cascades Diversion Dam was recently removed from the river and restoration is underway. 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.

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

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

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

Shuttle Bus Route
- Roadway
- 3 Shuttle Bus Only
- 2 Shuttle Bus Stop
- 1 Trailhead
- Bike Path
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Food Service
- Lodging
- Store
- Restroom
- Accessible Parking

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Schedule

Check times table at each stop.
Shuttle buses operate daily at 30-minute intervals except Friday and Saturday when intervals are 20 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System
Bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area are posted at or near Yosemite Valley shuttle bus stops 3, 5, 8, and 13A. Call 1-877-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com for more information.

WHERE TO GO
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 at the Ansel Adams Gallery and Valley Post Office in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops #5 and #9).

Valley Visitor Center
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information, maps, books, and exhibits. Bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. $ Y TV

FILM
Spirit of Yosemite
The inspiring story of the art, environment, and culture that has shaped Yosemite. 1 hr. Yosemite Museum West Auditorium (NPS)

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. 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
Beginning March 26
Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
Through May 2
For nearly two decades, Yosemite Renaissance (a nonprofit organization supporting arts in Yosemite) has encouraged contemporary artists to interpret Yosemite’s natural beauty in their work. This year’s prizewinning art exhibit will feature the stunning color photography of renowned local photographer, Michael Frye, who has lived and worked in Yosemite for over 20 years. The exhibit will also include photographs from Frye’s new book, Yosemite Midcentury, recently released by the Yosemite Association. Frye is also author of The Photographer’s Guide to Yosemite, the essential local and technical handbook for photographing in Yosemite National Park.

GALLERY EXHIBITS
Through March 28
The winter/spring exhibit will feature the stunning color photography of renowned local photographer, Michael Frye, who has lived and worked in Yosemite for over 20 years. The exhibit will include photographs from Frye’s new book, Yosemite Midcentury, recently released by the Yosemite Association. Frye is also author of The Photographer’s Guide to Yosemite, the essential local and technical handbook for photographing in Yosemite National Park.

March 10 - April 28
The illustrations of Daniel Samuels, who has published nearly fifty children’s books, will be on display. Samuels has enjoyed a twenty-year career as an author and illustrator. His books cover a variety of subjects, however his wildlife books are his favorites. The exhibit will include selected work from that series.
WILD ONEs
1-1½ hrs. Learn about Yosemite’s rich history and how it has grown to become one of the country’s crown jewel national parks. Meet at Visitor Center (NPS) (except March 11). 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge (DNC). FIRESIDE STORYTELLING
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (DNC). Our Stories Tell Us Who We Are (March 11 only) 1 hr. See details below Visitor Center West Auditorium (NPS/DNC).

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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. Informational signs are located in front of the buildings at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center.

Badger Pass
Depending on weather conditions, Badger Pass may close for the season anytime between March 28 - April 11. 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 9 runs, 5 ski lifts, downhill and cross-country ski trails, ski rentals, and a day lodge. Lifts operate from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cross-country skiers will find groomed and ungroomed trails that originate at Badger Pass; trucks are not allowed past the parking area; wilderness permits are required at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/372-3500 for ski conditions.

Photography Walk
Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) for venue (DNC). 1 hr. The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG). 1-1½ hrs. Investigate Yosemite’s geology permitting (AAG). Note: photography permits are required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) for venue (DNC). 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS) for venue (DNC).

Badger Pass Bus
Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area. Road and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Yosemite Village at 8:10 a.m. and 10:40 a.m., the Ahwahnee at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., and Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:30 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. Some buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter
10:30 a.m., Daily 2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame. Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs. $1 maintenance fee.

Full Moon Snowshoe Walks
March 2 through March 6, 6:30 p.m. Join an interpretive for a 2-3 mile walk in a moonlit winter wonderland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass. No experience necessary; however, this program is not recommended for children under 10 as it is moderately strenuous. Visit a tour desk, Badger Pass Lodge, or call 209/372-1240 for required advance reservations. $8.75 fee.

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WHAT TO DO

Sequoia Groves in Winter

Mariposa Grove
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 1-1½ hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, many giant sequoias can be seen from there. 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). 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). Allow at least 3 hours for the 4.6 mile round-trip hike on or skis 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 famous site of the old Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. No closed to cars, the 2-mile round-trip walk or ski is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.

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**Services Available at the Visitors Center**
- **General Information**
- **Wilderness Permits**
- **Bears and Wildlife**
- **Visitor Services**
- **Reservations**
- **Contact Information**

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**Services for Disabled**

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and in kiosks located in the Ahwahnee, Yosemite Village, and inside the Curvy Villa front desk. Wheelchair rental is available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-4631.

**Accommodations**

For advance reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/253-4848 (outside Yosemite, 1-800-332-0711) or visit www.nps.gov/yose.

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