Experience Your America

Yosemite National Park

April 6 - May 3, 2004

**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.

**UNDERWAY:**
- **Merced River Restoration** in progress at site of former Cascades Diversion Dam (far west end of Yosemite Valley)
- **Improvements and trail work** at the Lower Yosemite Fall area

**TIME FOR TICKS**
Springs in Yosemite mean ticks are active. The western black-legged tick is known to transmit the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Ticks prefer cool, moist environments, such as shaded grasses, shrubs, and leaves under oak trees. You can protect yourself by following these precautions:

- When hiking, regularly examine yourself for ticks and remove them promptly.
- Wear light colored clothing and tuck in your sleeves and pant legs.
- Apply a tick repellent to clothing.

For more information call the park sanitary at 209/379-1011.

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**WHERE TO GO**

**Bus Schedules** to and from the Yosemite area are posted at or near Yosemite Valley shuttle bus stops 3, 5, 8, and 13A. Call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com for more information.

**WHERE TO GO**

**Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map**

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

**Map not to scale**

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**Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map**

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

**PARK HERE**
- From the Valley take Southside Drive (one way)
- Just beyond Chapel, turn left at the stop sign onto Sentinel Drive
- Drive over bridge; at stop sign, turn right
- PARKING AREA is located on Northside Drive

**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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**Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus**
Check into table at each stop. Shuttle buses operate daily at 15-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/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
8. Yosemite Lodge
9. Visitor Center
10. Yosemite Village
11. Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
12. Huesokeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
13. Curry Village Rental Center
14. Curry Village Registration Desk
15. Curry Village Parking
16. Upper Pines Campground
17. Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead
18. Mirror Lake Junction
19. Stable
20. Lower Pines Campground
21. Curry Village Parking
22. Curry Village Rental Center

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Valley Visitor Center
Open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shuttle stops #58 #38. Information, maps, books, and exhibits. Bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. Open.

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 Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed capturing available. Open.

Wilderness Center
Opens May 1
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canister rental, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness. Open.

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 Mono and Paiute people from 1050 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented.

Yosemite Museum Store
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.

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 Ahwahneechee skills and culture.

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
Located 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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, handmade crafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit online at www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBITS
Through April 28
The illustrations of Daniel Sansouci, who has published nearly fifty children’s books, will be on display. Meet the artist at a special reception on April 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and book signing on April 10 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Beginning May 3
Enjoy the color photography of Robert Turner. Beautiful, large format images of California—including Yosemite—and the wildlands of the West.

LeConte Memorial Lodge
Opens April 30
Opens Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children’s corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4545.

Free Art Classes
Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Yosemite Art Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Each class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

APRIL 12 - 17
Don Fay Watercolor
APRIL 19 - 24
Doug Castleman Watercolor
APRIL 26 - May 1
Jan Schafir Watercolor
May 3 - May 8
Anne Longman Pencils/pens on watercolor paper

WE WILD ONES
Except April 11
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. The Ansel Adams Great Lounge fireplace (DNC). Open.

Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
1-1.5 hrs. Explore the fires and lifestyles of the Ahwahneechee, a culture that still survives today more than 150 years after Euro-American settlement in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of Yosemite Museum (NPS). Open.

Film—Ansel Adams
1 hr. Explore how one of Yosemite’s most popular animals survives in their natural habitat and our responsibility as humans to coexist peacefully. Meet at Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS). Open.

Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (DNC). Open.

Photography Walk
2 hrs. Sign up/match at The Ansel Adams Gallery front desk (DNC). Open.

Ranger Walk—A Changing Yosemite
1.5 hrs. Meet in front of Village Center (NPS). Open.

Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (DNC). Open.

Photography Walk
2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather and availability of photographer permitting (DNC). Open.

Yosemite Forum
April 10 noon to 2:00 p.m.
Terrestrial Vertebrates of Yosemite with Pat Purser from UC Berkeley
1 hr. Interactive lecture. Visitor Center Theater (NPS). Open.

Ranger Walk—Bears
1-1.5 hrs. Explore one of Yosemite’s most popular animals survive in their natural habitat and our responsibility as humans to coexist peacefully. Meet at Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS). Open.

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Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus

Weekends only beginning April 17

Daily service begins April 30

Ride the free bus to Mariposa Grove. This service will operate daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with stops originating at the Wawona Store. For more information, call 209/372-1240.

 depend on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.

Yosemite’s Sequoia Groves

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 1-1/2 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 Giant Sequoia provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations of these signs are available at the trailhead (Krierman, French, Spanish, Japanese).

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is accessible only on foot. It’s a 2-mile round-trip walk or ski to this small group of sequoia (about 20 trees).

Wawona

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.

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Badger Pass

Depending on weather conditions, Badger Pass may close for the season anytime after 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. There are 9 runs, 5 ski lifts, downhill and cross-country ski schools, 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 track 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 209/372-1081 for ski conditions.

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., and The Ahwahnee at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at 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. Several stops operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at least 30 days in advance of these dates.

Apr 4 – 21 1 hr. Visitor Center Theater

Celebrate Earth Day! Clean-Up Projects and Special Programs

APRIL 22, All Day in Yosemite Valley

Check posters for details.
YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Lodge and the El Portal Market.**

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BADGER PASS

Hours of operation are approximate. Current hours may be obtained at the Reception Desk or Concierge for additional information.

**Limited babysitting available for registered guests.**

On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Curry Village

Inside Village Store

Park Facilities and Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209-372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose

**Curry Village Tour Kiosk**

7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

**TRAIL RIDES**

This 26-mile, 2-hour tour departs at 10:00 a.m. from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley, July 8 – September 10. Call for time and location.

**Yosemite Retired Peer Counseling Program**

Anyone going overnight into Yosemite's back-country must have a wilderness permit. You can obtain a wilderness permit from the clinic at any front desk.

Available for $5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

**Wilderness Permits**

Appointments must be made in person at the Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, and 22 other parks.

For information on making reservations for summer use, call 209/372-0180 or visit online at www.nps.gov/yose/si

**Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program**

This program is designed to protect park visitors and employees who are experiencing a cardiac emergency. It can be found on the following locations:

- Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, and 22 other parks.

- Aircraft

- Emergency/Rescue

- Red Cross

- Yosemite Retired Peer Counseling Program

**Conditions permitting.**

**YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE**

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**Cycling**

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