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

**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

**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

**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.

For information on visitor services, park history, hiking trails, and more, refer to the Guide to Yosemite.
SUNDAY

9:00am WEE WILD ONES
(December 17 only)
45 min. Stories and activities for
kids 6 and under.
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge
Fireplace (DNC) &.

10:00am Ranger Talks—Experience Your America
10 min. talk on this special exhibit
Museum Gallery (NPS).

1:00pm FAMILY WINTER CELEBRATION
(January 2 only)
3 hrs. See details below.

2:00pm Ranger Walks—A Changing Yosemite
1/2 hr. Front of Visitor Center (NPS).

6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
(December 26 only)
2 hrs. No experience required.
See details below. Advance sign up at any

7:00pm Film—Ansel Adams
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls.
Check local postings for indoor venue
(AAG) &.

MONDAY

9:00am WEE WILD ONES
(December 17 only)
45 min. Stories and activities for
kids 6 and under.
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge
Fireplace (DNC) &.

11:00am CHILDREN’S STORY TIME
(December 28 only)
45 min. The Ahwahnee Great lounge
Fireplace (DNC) &.

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees
1 1/2 hrs. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3
(DNP).

7:00pm Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls.
Check local postings for topic and indoor
venue (DNC) &.

TUESDAY

9:00am Photography Walk
2 1/2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up
required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.
Conditions permitting (AAG).

11:00am CHILDREN’S STORY TIME
(December 28 only)
45 min. The Ahwahnee Great lounge
Fireplace (DNC) &.

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees
1 1/2 hrs. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3
(DNP).

7:00pm Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls.
Check local postings for topic and indoor
venue (DNC) &.

WE

9:00am WEE WILD ONES
5:00pm kids 6 & under.
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge
Fireplace (DNC) &.

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees
1 1/2 hrs. NPS (Dec)
4 hrs. Visitor Center.

7:30pm Event
1 hr. Check local postings for indoor venue
Winter John (DNC).

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

Yosemite Valley

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 just two doors
down, between 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 grass rental and self-registration for
wilderness permits. &.

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 20
minutes from Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater.
Closed captioning available. &.

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

FEATURES

Museum Gallery
Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Experience
America’s premier photographic exhibit will be displayed, featuring
panoramic images of national parks by photographer Stan Jorstad.
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 tribes and people from
1650 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. 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 Ahwahnee 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 develop-
ment of what is now Yosemite National Park. A Guide to
the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

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GALLERY EXHIBITS

Through December 18
Paintings: Two Visions of Yosemite by Sally Owens and Penny
Otwell. Both longtime residents of the Sierras create work inspired
by nature. Otwell works in acrylic and oils, using vibrant colors to
convey the peace and energy of Yosemite. Owens is a watercolorist
who brings out the quiet beauty of nature within her subtle
botanicals.

Beginning December 20
Yosemite in Winter is an exhibition of photographs by Ansel Adams
and other contemporary photographers featuring the winter Sierra
Nevada landscape. The changing fall and winter conditions create
one of the best seasons to capture images on film.

Yosemite Winter Theatre
A free event sponsored by Ansel Adams Gallery and other
counterparts photographers featuring the winter Sierra
Nevada landscape. The changing fall and winter conditions create
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The Ansel Adams Gallery
Class at 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve. Cloud Christmas Day
Opens at 10:00 a.m. New Year’s Day
Opens 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to
the Valley Visitor Center. The gallery features work of Ansel Adams,
contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a
wide selection of handcrafted, books, gifts, photography supplies,
and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call
the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com.

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A Yosemite Holiday to Remember
DECEMBER 14, 2004 to JANUARY 1, 2005
Carolings, concerts, & holiday cheer will
ring throughout Yosemite Valley!

Click here for local listings for
a schedule of special events.

Glacier Point as seen from Yosemite Valley

Photo by RH Anderson

Experience Your America
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Curated by the Yosemite Museum
Gallery and enjoy panoramic photography by Stan Jorstad.
This collection includes one
photograph from each of
fifty-eight different national parks.
The exhibit will be open daily.

Yosemite Winter Celebrations
JANUARY 2
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Curry Village Guest Lounge
Join park staff for an afternoon
of crafts, walk, and winter fun!
**WHAT TO DO**

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**Pioneer Yosemite History Center**
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interactive signs and brochures are available. **NO** handicapped.

**Holidays at Wawona Hotel**
*December 10 – 12, December 17 – January 3*

Tree lighting, Santa, caroling, and ringing in the new year! Musician and historian Tom Rags will be playing the piano and presenting programs on select evenings. Check at front desk for a schedule of events.

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**Badger Pass**

**Opens for season December 17, 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 ft 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. Wilderness permits are available at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/379-1000 for ski conditions.

**Badger Pass Bus**

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area (Bus begins running when ski area opens for the season). 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 and 10:45 a.m., and Yosemite Lodge at the Falls at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

**Full Moon Snowshoe Walk**

*December 26, 6:30 p.m.*

Join an interpreter 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 yrs. Visit a tour desk, Badger Pass Lodge, or call 209/372-1240 for required advance reservations. Cost is $14.75 with snowshoe rental, or $5 if you have your own. **NO** handicapped.

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**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 1/2 hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. Cabs 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 California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (German, French, Spanish, Japanese). In winter, the access road to the Grove is closed due to snow. Once the access road is closed, add one to two hours for the 2-mile walk from the south entrance of the park to the Grove.

**Tuolumne Grove**
The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile round-trip walk or ski has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). It is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

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