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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.

SPRINT OF YOSEMITE

Don’t miss this award-winning, state-of-the-art film! Shown every 30 minutes at the Valley Visitor Center, free of charge.

See map below for directions to Day Parking.

Take shuttle to stop #5.

Pick up your free Yosemite Map and Guide at the Visitor Center.

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

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Route

Roadway

Shuttle Bus Route

Shuttle Bus Stop

Trailhead

Bike Path

Campground

Picnic Area

Food Service

Lodging

Store

Restroom

Accessible Parking

Information

Map not to scale

Shuttle buses operate daily at 30-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. See the Guide to Yosemite for descriptions of Valley day hikes.

Yosemite Today

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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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

Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

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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 Housekeeping Camp/

LeConte Memorial Lodge

13 Curry Village Rental Center

14 Curry Village Registration Desk

15 Curry Village Parking

16 Closed for season

17 Closed for season

18 Closed for season

19 Closed for season

20 Lower Pines Campground

21 Curry Village Parking

22 Curry Village Rental Center

WHRTE TO GO
Visitor Center Temporarily Relocated
While the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is undergoing renovation this winter, park visitors 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 canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. TTY

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 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m., and is captioned available.

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

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Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
February 26 through May 8

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 Creek 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 Indian Village of Ahwahnee is open during daylight hours. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnee Creek skills and culture.

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Yosemite Forum—The Legacy of Ansel Adams
February 18-20

Yosemite Winter Programs
Yosemite Valley programs are listed below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.

10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk
Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
February 19 only
2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.

10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk
Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
2 hrs. Moderate/strenuous walk. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
February 21 only
2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.

10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk
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2 hrs. Moderate/strenuous walk. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
February 23 only
2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.

10:30am Ranger Snowshoe Walk
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2 hrs. Moderate/strenuous walk. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.
6:30pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
February 25 only
2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk Badger Pass A-frame (NPS) $.

Weekend Traffic
A major renovation this winter will take place at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handbooks, 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.

Reception: March 19, 2005 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Artist talk: March 19, 2005 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
February 26 through May 8

FEATURES

Museum Gallery
Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
February 26 through May 8

Friday - Monday
For nearly two decades, Yosemite Renaissance (a nonprofit organization supporting arts in Yosemite) has encouraged contemporary artistic interpretations of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. All fine art media, including photography, are eligible for its annual competition. This year’s prize-winning artwork will be on view at the Yosemite Museum Gallery. Call (209) 375-4088 for more information.

Indian Cultural Exhibit
March 3-31

Join park staff for an afternoon of crafts, walks, and winter fun!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

YOSEMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Yosemite Association Special Programs
Writer’s Winter Walk in Yosemite
February 6
Day After the Full Moon Snowshoe
February 25

Call the Yosemite Association at 209/775-2322 for details on both programs, or visit www.yosemite.org

Family Winter Celebration

Half Dome in winter

Photo courtesy of Kodak Ambassadors

Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow
February 18 - 20
7:30 p.m.
Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Tickets at door or Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk

YOSEMITE VALLEY
**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. Badger Pass 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.

**February 20 - 24**

**Ranger Snowshoe Walk**

Join an interpreter for a 2 to 3-mile walk in a moonlit winter wonderland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass. No experience required; however, this program is not recommended for children under 10 yrs. $3 only.


6:30 pm. Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (February 24 only) 2 hrs. No experience required. See details below. Advance sign up at any tour desk. Badger Pass Lodge (NPS) $.

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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. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). Allow 1 1/2 hours driving time from Yosemite Valley.

**Muir Grove**

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It’s a 4-mile roundtrip hike or ski to the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the roundtrip hike or ski to this group of about 20 sequoias.

**Tuolomne Grove**

The Tuolomne 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 Big Oak Flat Road trails descends from Crane Flat into the Tuolomne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. New closed to cars, this 2-mile roundtrip 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. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by adult.

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**General Park Information**

**Emergency 911**
Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)

**Information**

**Road and Weather**
General Park Information 209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose
Campground Reservations 877/444-6777 reservations.nps.gov

**Medical**
Yosemite Medical Clinic: Emergency care: 24 hours daily
Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**PADD Program**
Yosemite’s Public Access Defibrillation (PADD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PADD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

**AEDs**
AEDs can be found at the following locations:
- Valley Visitor Center
- Village Store (Yosemite Village)
- Yosemite Lodge at the Falls
- Curry Village Registration Desk
- The Ahwahnee
- Crane Flat Store
- Wawona Hotel

**General Services**
- Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday
- Yosemite Valley Tour Desk: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday

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**Wawona**
- Wawona Post Office: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Yosemite Lodge Post Office: Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Yosemite Lodge Post Office: Monday – Friday 9:10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Post Offices**
Main Post Office - Yosemite Village
- Monday – Friday 8:10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Wawona**
- Wawona Post Office: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon

**El Portal Post Office**
- Monday – Friday 8:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (YARRA)**
- Yosemite Garage: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 24:00
- Gas Station: 24 hours. No gas. Propane available until 4:00 p.m.

**Service Organizations**
- Al-Anon: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday

**Religious Services**
- YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Non-denominational/Christian) Pastor Bert Moore 209/372-4811
- Yoga: Yosemite Valley Chapel (year-round) Worship Services Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (Christian Church and Nursery) Sunday 6:30 a.m. Thursday 12:00 p.m.
- ROMAN CATHOLIC Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729
- CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Scripture 209/372-3107
- El Portal Chapel Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- CROSSWAY CHURCH [Christian Pentecostal] Pastor Steven Hayes 209/372-4128
- Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- County Library–Girls Club (across the street from NPS Administration Building)
- LOCAL COMMUNITY CHURCH Pastor Russ Monh 209/372-2125
- El Portal Chapel Worship Service First and third Sunday 9:00 a.m.
- Second, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday 11:00 a.m.