Yosemite Today


Yosemite National Park

Construction may cause short delays or detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

Use the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Valley Visitor Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 30-minute intervals. Times are posted at each stop. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. Shuttle bus service may be affected by construction projects. Check bus stops for more information.

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

YARTS bus stops are located in Yosemite Valley at The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, Valley Visitor Center, and Yosemite Lodge. For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS, or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com.

Don't miss this award-winning film!

Shown free of charge every 30 minutes at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater.
Scheduled Events

Yosemite Valley

AMERICA'S BEST IDEA
UNIQUE IMAGES FROM ALL 58 NATIONAL PARKS
Yosemite Museum

Through January 28, 2007

Landscape photographer Stan Jostad has traveled to all 58 national parks in the United States to capture memorable images of our most scenic and historic places. These photographs were recently published in a striking book, America's Best Idea—A Photographic Journey Through Our National Parks, available in Yosemite bookstores. All proceeds from sales support other interpretation and education programs in Yosemite.

THE SPIRIT OF JOHN MUIR: STORIES OF ICE AND SNOW
Yosemite Museum

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahneechee life. During the holiday season, the village is illuminated by strings of icicle lights, and American Indian performers entertain visitors.

The exhibit hall of the visitor center is being renovated and will be closed until May 2007.

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #4 and #9), the visitor center offers information, maps and books.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

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The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handbooks, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are available. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porches. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

The Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch), the exhibit interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

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**WHAT TO DO**

**Notes and activities for kids 6 and under**

**Local Geology**
- 1 hr. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
- Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
- Ahwahnee Great Lounge

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- 1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC/NPS)

**Fine Print Viewing**
- 2 hrs. Limited space. Reservations required
- Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (NPS)

**Ansel Adams Gallery**
- 2 hrs. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC/NPS)

**Sequoia Groves in Winter**

**Mariposa Grove**
Located at Yosemite’s southernmost end, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Alone 1½ hours driving time from Yosemite Valley to reach the grove. A few giant sequoias are visible from the parking area. Trails into the grove extend upward from the far end of the parking lot, and interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree offer a self-guiding tour. Written translations in German, French, Spanish, and Japanese are available at the trailhead.

**Toulumne Grove**
This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. Walk one mile (with a 500-ft. drop in elevation) into the grove along the former route of the Big Oak Flat Road, now closed to cars. The trip is moderately strenuous on the upward return. Within the Toulumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

**Merced Grove**
Yosemite’s quintessential stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It’s a four-mile roundtrip hike or skis (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 2½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign.

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**Badger Pass Ski Area**
Badger Pass, California’s oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite skiing and snowboarding activity during the winter. It is located at an elevation of 7,200 feet and is accessible from Yosemite Valley by a cross-country trail, cross-country ski schools, ski rentals, and a day lodge. Cross-country ski schools will dress and prepare you for your first cross-country skiing adventure.

**Badger Pass Bus**
With the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area, travel and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., the Yosemite Transportation System office (next to the Ahwahnee Great Lounge), and Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Several buses operate on busy days. 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**
- Daily beginning December 17, 10:30 a.m., conditions permitting
- Enter the dazzling world of Yosemite winter with an expert naturalist. Join an NPS ranger at the Badger Pass A-frame for a moderate to strenuous two-hour walk (not recommended for children under 10 yrs.). Wear warm clothing and boots. Showers provided for a suggested donation of $5.

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