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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

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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.

Experience Your America

Visit the new Yosemite Park Partners website: www.yosemitepartners.org.
Free Art Classes
The Yosemite Art and Education Center offers free classes in various art media Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All ages are welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes are held outside, weather permitting. Bring your own supplies, or buy them at the center.

NEW EXHIBIT HALL IN YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER
Opening April 13
Explore the new exhibit hall and learn how Yosemite’s spectacular landscape was formed, how people have interacted with it through the centuries, how wildlife adapts and survives, and how your national park continues to evolve.

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. Guided stops for $4.95, and the visitor center offers information, maps, and books. (DNC)

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

Yosemite Forum—Reassembling Hetch Hetchy? Water Supply Implications of Removing O’Shaughnessy Dam (April 10 only)
1 hr. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) & (April 10 only)
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (DNC/NPS)

Yosemite United Way
For more information, see schedule above and local postings.
Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Yes, It's Worth the Drive! Sheer cliffs, lofty domes, and two of Yosemite's most beautiful waterfalls await visitors to Hetch Hetchy, one of the least-traveled spots in the park. Famous for an environmental battle fought by John Muir, the Hetch Hetchy Valley was dammed more than 80 years ago to impound the Tuolumne River. Much of the area's natural splendor, and its solitude, remain. The drive from Yosemite takes under two hours.

Waterfalls
Tuolumne (Tu-LOOM-nee) and Wapama Falls both drop more than 1,000 feet from cliffs on the north side of the reservoir. It's easy to see and photograph the two together. Late spring is the best time to view them, since Tuolumne Falls dries up in early summer.

Day Hiking
A drive from the Tuolumne Entrance to Lookout Point, which provides a sweeping view of the northeastern corner of the park. Take advantage of the easy scenic trail from the dam through the granite turned and to Tuolumne and Wapama Falls. It's about 5 miles (8.5 km) round trip and could take up to 4 hours. The trip to Rancheria Fall is a refreshing all-day hike of about 13 miles (21 km) round trip.

Domes and Cliffs
Look for Hetch Hetchy Dome on the north side of the reservoir and conical Kolana Rock on the south side. Kolana Rock is an active breeding area for peregrine falcons.

O'Shaughnessy Dam
When 312-foot-high (95-meter) O'Shaughnessy Dam was dedicated in 1923, it was the largest structure in the West Coast. In spring and summer, water flows over the spillways, creating an artificial waterfall.

Yosemite's Giant Sequoias

Mariposa Grove
Located at Yosemite's southern end, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Allow 1 1/2 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 uphill from the far end of the parking lot. 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.

The access road to the grove closes during the winter. The entrance fee is charged during the season. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

Tuolumne 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 uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Meredic Grove
Yosemite's quiescent stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a four-mile roundtrip hike of 1 1/2 hours during the growing season. The grove is 4 1/2 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and a posted B-10.

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What to Do

Outdoor Adventures with the Yosemite Association
These programs are offered for a fee, part of which supports other interpretation and education programs in Yosemite.

Leaves No Trace Trainer Certification with Pete Devine

How to Use Your LoT Certification

Please note that the following programs are currently offered for a fee: Outdoor Adventures with the Yosemite Association.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Go back in time to a horse-drawn wagon, a covered bridge, and log cabins. Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, explore Yosemite's history, and learn how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

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WHAT TO DO
The General Park Information section includes details about the park's accessibility, services, and emergency contacts. It provides information on various facilities and services available to visitors, such as accommodation options, recreation activities, and emergency services. The section also highlights the availability of Wi-Fi and other digital services. Additionally, it covers general park information, including safety guidelines, travel tips, and special events. The document is a comprehensive resource for visitors planning their stay at Yosemite National Park.