Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map

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

Use the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Shuttles run daily every 10-20 minutes, depending on the time of day. Times are posted at each stop. All shuttles follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. Shuttle service may be affected by construction projects. Check shuttle stops for more information.

VALLEY VISITOR SHUTTLE

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. Valley Visitor Center
6. Lower Yosemite Fall
7. Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
8. Yosemite Lodge
9. Valley Visitor Center
10. Yosemite Village
11. Sentinel Bridge / Yosemite Chapel
12. Housekeeping Camp / LeConte Memorial Lodge
13. Curry Village Registration Desk
14. Curry Village Rental Center
15. Upper Pines Campground
16. Happy Isles / John Muir Trailhead
17. Mirror Lake Junction
18. Stable
19. Lower Pines Campground
20. Curry Village Parking
21. Curry Village Rental Center

* Service to these locations stops after first major rainfall.

VALLEY VISITOR SHUTTLE 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.
Yosemite Valley

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 #5 and #9], the visitor center offers information, maps, and books. 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. 

FILM
Spirit of Yosemite
This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Features
Located in Yosemite Valley next to the Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite in the Sixties: Climbing Life through the Lens of Glen Denny
Through January 27, 2008
This exhibit shows the photographic work of Glen Denny from 1961 to 1971, a time when he was photographing the climbers and the activities of climbers in the park. Glen’s photographic skills were in part self-taught, but included coursework with Ansel Adams, which influenced his approach. Come see a unique insiders’ perspective of the rockclimbing world in Yosemite.

Indian Cultural Exhibit
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; the museum may close 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.

Night Sky Information
One of the great advantages of visiting Yosemite is seeing the park’s very dark night sky. Celestial features not visible in many urban areas can be seen.

December 18 The Cometid meteor shower should be at its peak late tonight. There’s no moonlight to interfere.

December 22 The winter solstice occurs at 10:08 a.m. PST. This is when the sun is farthest south for the year and begins its six-month return northward. Winter begins in the northern hemisphere.

December 31 After midnight, go out into the silent night and face due south, where Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, is shining at its highest.

Yosemite Museum Store
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the store offers 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, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahneechee life.

Yosemite Cemetery
This historic cemetery is located across the street 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. Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Closed on December 25
Located in Yosemite Village, next to the Valley Visitor Center 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, handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are available. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Gallery exhibit
Yosemite in Black and White
Through January 15
Group show of represented artists showing the beauty of Yosemite in black and white through the various seasons.

Yosemite Winter Theater

THE SPIRIT OF JOHN MUIR: STORIES OF ICE AND SNOW
4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
See above for dates
Vhc. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Actor Lee Stetson portrays John Muir as he delights audiences with tales of Muir’s wintering adventures.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from the Yosemite Lodge tour desk, or if available, at the door.

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**Sequoia Groves in Winter**

**Mariposa Grove**
Road closed in inclement weather
Located at Yosemite’s southern end, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Tucks into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tunnel Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

The access road to the grove closes during the winter. If the road is closed, the four-mile round-trip walk from Yosemite’s south entrance to the grove takes two to three hours (longer for hikers into the grove). Dendro is prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

**Mercez Grove**
Yosemite’s quartzite stand of sequoias is the Mercez Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It’s a four-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) on the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located ½ miles west of Crane Flat and 6½ miles south of Big Oak Flat Bridge, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and post labeled B-10.

**Tuolumne Grove**
This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tuolumne roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road heads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. Now closed to cars, this path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

**Badger Pass**
Opens for season December 14, weather permitting
Badger Pass Ski Area
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 one-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tuolumne roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road heads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. Now closed to cars, this path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

**Wawona**
Sequoia National Park hosts a host of events during the winter months, from guided snowshoe walks to ranger-guided theater and wildlife talks. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour, 20 minutes to travel the 16 miles from Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to Badger Pass. Road and weather conditions permit.

**How to Get There**
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