Join wildlife staff in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to learn more about Yosemite’s black bears and other wildlife. In addition, films will be shown and programs conducted in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS, or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com.

Shuttles run daily every 10–20 minutes, depending on the time of day. Times are posted at each stop. Shuttle service may be affected by construction projects. Check shuttle stops for more information.

Use the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)

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Yosemite Art & Education Center is open May 9 to April 30. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. See details below.

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Yosemite Theatre Museum Store: Located in Yosemite Village near the Main Post Office (shuttle stop #5). Open Friday-Monday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the gallery offers an extensive collection of Yosemite art and crafts, books, 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.yosemiteart.org.

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Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Opening day pending
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0617.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs
Two trails, both flat and 1-mile long, lead to the historic area accessible only by walking. Soda Springs is small, naturally carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Information Center
Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Information on backcountry permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guides.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio
Open May 9 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. The station offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and maps. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/372-0617.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explains 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 interpretive signs and brochures are available.

Mariposa Grove
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The access road to the grove closes during the winter. If the road is closed, the four-mile roundtrip walk from Yosemite’s south entrance to the grove takes two to three hours (longer for hikes into the grove).

Trailheads are provided on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles larger than 25 feet may not use the road during the hours of shuttle operation (see below).

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE
Opening day pending and weather and road conditions permitting.

Shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Big Oak Flat & Sequoia Groves

Big Oak Flat & Information Station
May 16 - 18 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Open May 23 - 24 8:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. (closed for lunch).

Big Oak Flat & Sequoia Groves
This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Fish Creek roads (one mile with a 500-foot drop 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 Mariposa Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest 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 ski (about 8 miles roundtrip) from the Grove Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and a posted boundary. B-10.