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Yosemite Today

October 5 -
November 1, 2004

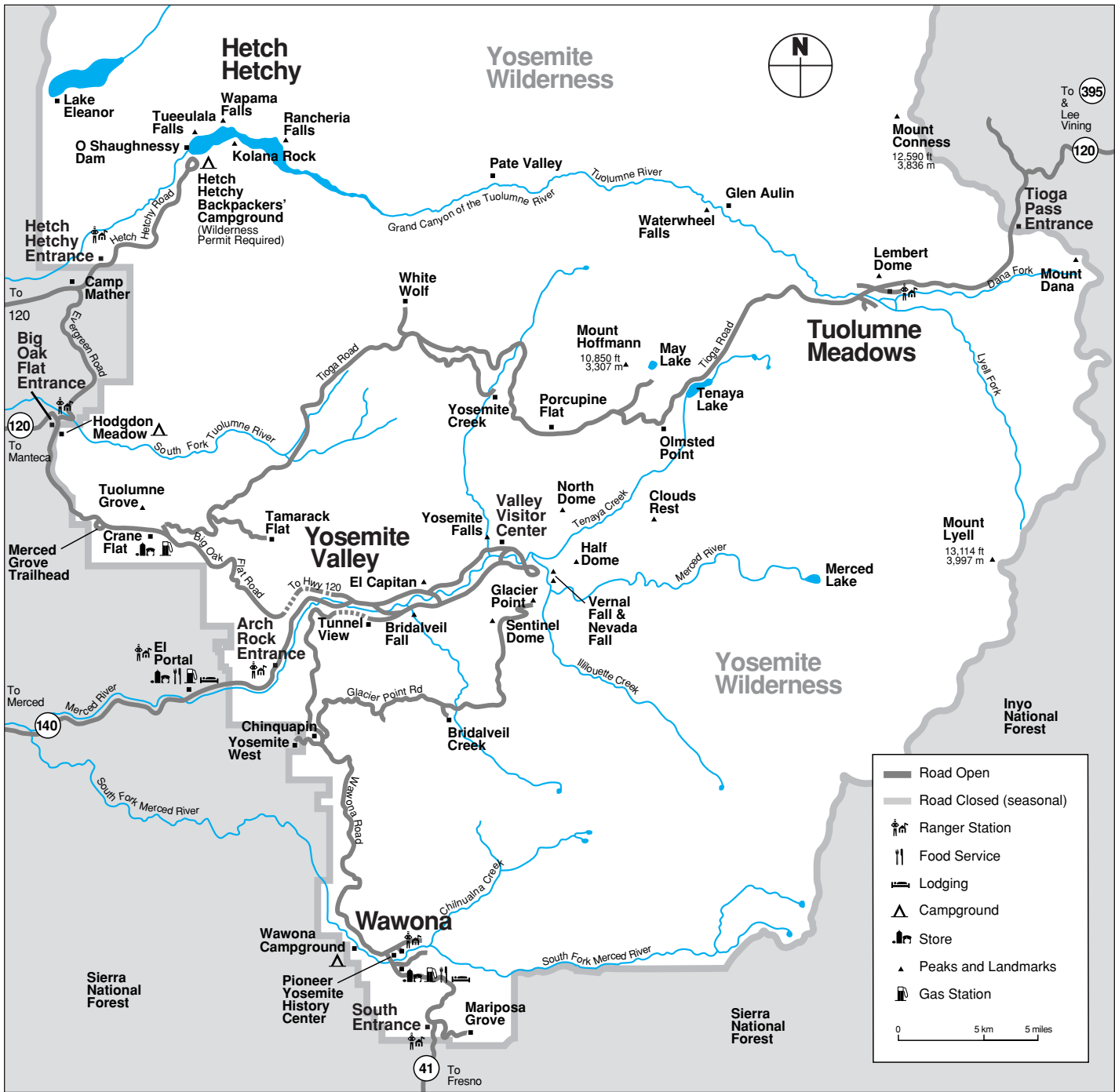
Yosemite National Park

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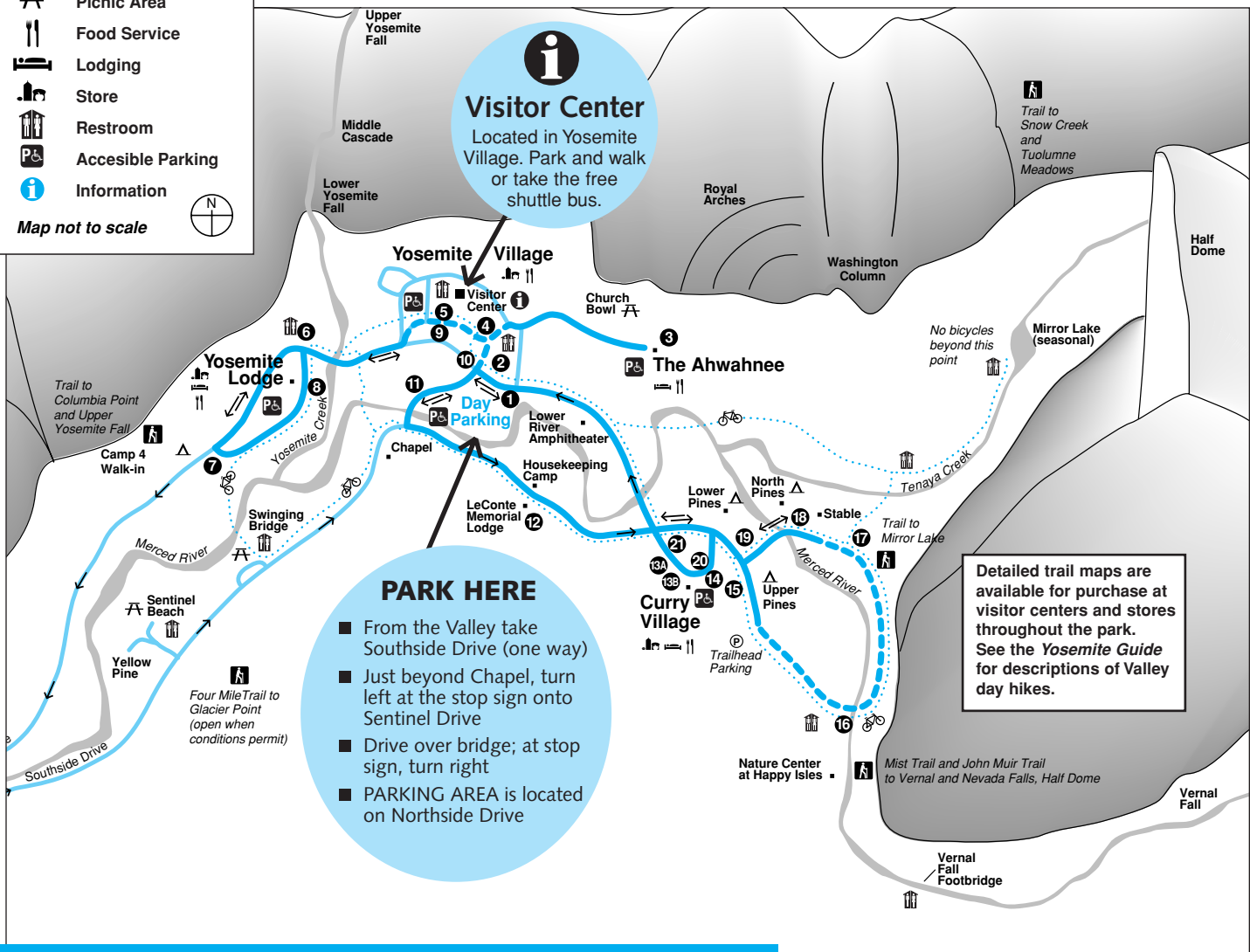
Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall

During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated day-visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley. Shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and all are wheelchair lift equipped. See route on map below.



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

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
- 13A Curry Village Rental Center
- 13B Curry Village Registration Desk
- 14 Curry Village Parking
- 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

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



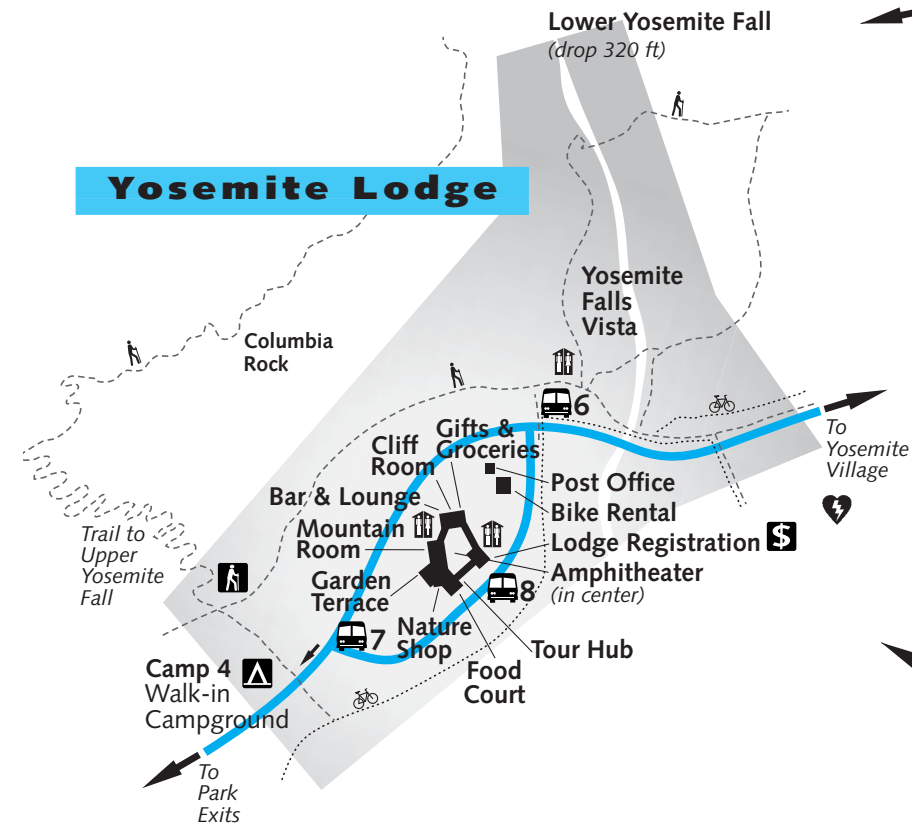
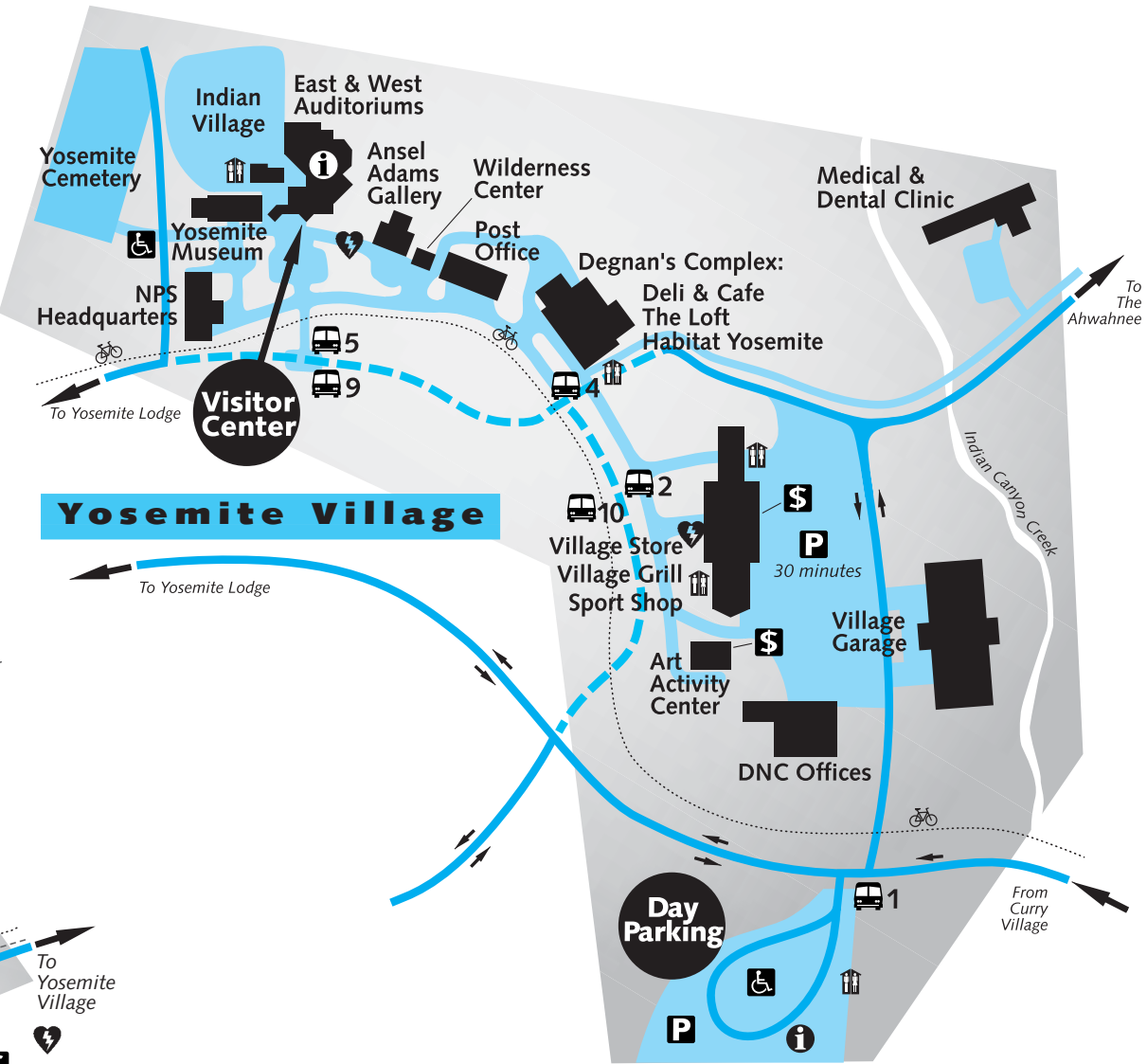
For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Curry Village

- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Campground
- Parking
- Accessible Parking
- ATM
- Visitor Information
- PAD Program
- Restrooms
- Gas Station
(no gas in Yosemite Valley)
- Paved Bike Path
- Hiking Trail
- Roadway
- Roadway for Shuttle Bus Only



Maps not to scale.
See page 64 of the *Guide to Yosemite* for a description of Valley trails and day hikes.
Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park.



Food & Beverage Service

These hours of operation are approximate.
Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
Degnan's Delicatessen
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Loft at Degnan's
Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Village Grill
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- YOSEMITE LODGE**
Food Court
Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lite fare served between meal periods.
Mountain Room Bar & Lounge
Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- THE AHWAHNEE**
Dining Room
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. 209/372-1489
The Ahwahnee Bar
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- CURRY VILLAGE**
Coffee Corner
7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Pavilion Buffet
Closes for season October 31
Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Dinner Buffet - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Pavillion Bar
Closes for season October 31
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Beginning October 11
Daily: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Pizza Patio**
Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Beginning October 12
Monday - Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.
HAPPY ISLES
Snack Stand
Closes for season October 10
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

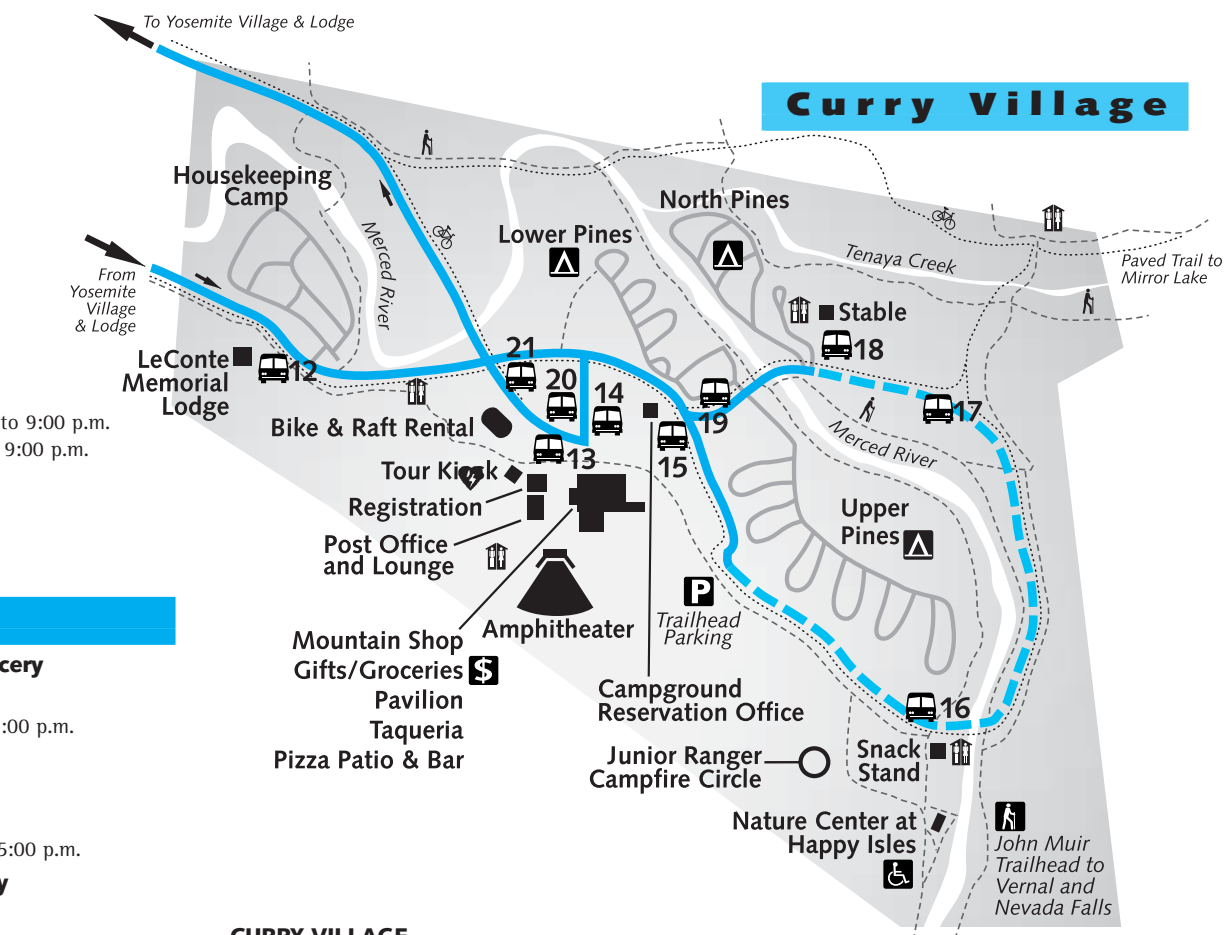
Groceries

- Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery**
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Degnan's Delicatessen
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Housekeeping Camp
Friday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Beginning October 17
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Yosemite Bookstore
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Inside Visitor Center
Yosemite Museum Store
9:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Habitat Yosemite 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Sport Shop 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closes for season October 17

- YOSEMITE LODGE**
Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Nature Shop 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THE AHWAHNEE
Gift Shop 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sweet Shop 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



- CURRY VILLAGE**
Mountain Shop 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Showers & Laundromat

- SHOWERS**
Curry Village 24 hours
Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
LAUNDROMAT
Housekeeping Camp
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Recycling

- Village Store Recycling Center**
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Post Offices

- Main Post Office - Yosemite Village**
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon
Yosemite Lodge Post Office
Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Friday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Curry Village Post Office
Monday - Friday 2:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ATM

- Yosemite Village**
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
Inside Village Store
Yosemite Lodge
Inside main registration area
Curry Village
Inside gift/grocery store

Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

- Village Garage**
8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m.
209/372-8320



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What's Happening In

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Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. After October 17, bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. & TTY

Beginning Thursday, October 28, Valley VC will be temporarily relocated. While undergoing renovation this winter, park rangers and the Yosemite Association bookstore will be located at the Wilderness Center between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops #5 and #9).

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 through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed captioning available. &

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. &

FEATURES

Museum Gallery

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection. Beginning October 17, *Experience Your America* photography exhibit will be displayed, featuring panoramic images of national parks by photographer Stan Jorstad.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwuk and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering 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. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee 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.

Wilderness Center

Closes for season October 17

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness. &



Tunnel View After a Storm

Photo by Colleen Brown

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After October 17, closes at 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, hand-crafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com. &

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Color photography by William Neill. Neill, a longtime resident of Yosemite, is a landscape photographer concerned with conveying the deep, spiritual beauty that he encounters in the natural world. Join the photographer on the evening of October 25th for a reception in honor of the show and a book signing for Neill's *Yosemite: The Promise of Wildness*.



Tuolumne Meadows

Photo by Howard Weamer

Tuolumne Meadows

Parsons Memorial Lodge and Soda Springs

Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. The Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sunrise and sunset. This area is an easy 1/2-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area. Allow 30 minutes walking time.

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are available by self-registration through October 14 at the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center. Afterwards, permits can be obtained outside the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station.

Overnight Parking Along Tioga Road

After October 15, parking along Tioga Road will be limited to day use. No overnight parking will be permitted.



Prairie Falcon
Illustration by
Lawrence Ormsby

WHAT TO DO



HELP KEEP
YOSEMITE BEARS
WILD!

Did you know that during the fall bears must eat 20,000 calories daily to prepare for winter? That's about 1,650 acorns each day (130 chocolate bars for you or me)!

Help keep Yosemite's bears wild. Be sure to store your food, drinks, toiletries, and any scented items according to park regulations while staying at Yosemite National Park. Look for Yosemite Valley programs about the amazing life of bears.

Tree Hazards

Winter storms with strong winds or heavy snows often cause tree failures, sometimes resulting in property damage or tragic injuries. Yosemite forestry crews survey trees that are adjacent to facilities such as residences, lodges, campgrounds, parking lots, and roads. These crews look for visible defects in the trees that make them likely to fail and injure people or damage property. High priority tree hazards are pruned or removed.

Some trees that have not been identified as tree hazards also fail. To avoid injury or damage to your property, stay aware of your surroundings. Park in open areas away from trees when severe storms are blowing or forecast.

Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

- NPS = National Park Service
- DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite
- AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YA = Yosemite Association
- YF = Yosemite Fund
- \$ = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Scheduled Events

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Yosemite Valley	<div>9:00am WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) ♿</div> <div>10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier 1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>3:00pm Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories & Games 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>Bear Walk 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</div> <div>7:30pm Film—Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) ♿</div>	<div>3:00pm Ranger Walk—Autumn Stroll 1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/NPS) ♿ Check local postings for topic</div>	<div>9:00am Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAG)</div> <div>12:00pm Lecture—How Climate Change May Impact Sierra Snow Pack and Recent Efforts in Yosemite National Park to Monitor it (October 12 only) 1 hr. USGS & Scripps Institute of Oceanography presentation West Auditorium (NPS)</div> <div>2:00pm NPS Open House (October 26 only) 4 hrs. Learn about park improvement efforts Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) ♿</div> <div>3:00pm Bear Walk 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</div> <div>4:30pm Autumn Twilight Stroll (October 5 & 12 only) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back patio (DNC)</div> <div>User Capacity: Progress Report (October 19 only) 2 hrs. Join a panel of park managers, planners, researchers, and field workers in a discussion of Yosemite's user capacity management program. Visitor Center West Auditorium (NPS) ♿</div> <div>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿ Check local postings for topic</div>
Wawona	<div>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (October 10 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from the Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS)</div>	<div>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</div>	
Glacier Point	<div>6:15pm Sunset Talk (October 10 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ♿</div>	<div>2:00pm Ranger Walk (October 11 only) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</div> <div>6:15pm Sunset Talk (October 11 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ♿</div>	<div>2:00pm Ranger Walk (October 5 only) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)</div> <div>6:15pm Sunset Talk (October 5 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ♿</div>



Photo by Bob Roney

Attend a guided walk, evening program, Valley Floor Tour, or other interpretive program and increase your understanding of the diverse natural and cultural resources of Yosemite.

John Muir Trail Detour

Beginning October 4, 2004 and ending the afternoon of November 10, 2004, a detour will be in effect on the John Muir Trail between Happy Isles and the base of Vernal Fall bridge. Closure and repairs will occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday (except Columbus Day). Posted signage will reroute hikers to the "Horse Trail." The John Muir Trail will be open to the public during non-working hours.

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee

Autumn Light: Photography in Yosemite Valley and Beyond	OCTOBER 15 – 17	7:30 a.m.
Sentinel Dome & Taft Point	OCTOBER 16	9:00 a.m.
McGurk Meadow & Dewey Point	OCTOBER 17	8:30 a.m.
Focusing On Nature: Autumn Photography in Yosemite	OCTOBER 28 – 31	7:00 p.m.

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>9:00 am WEE WILD ONES (except October 27) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) ☺</div> <div>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>7:30 pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING FOR ALL AGES (October 6 & 20 only) 1 hr. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) ☺ Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/NPS) ☺ Check local postings for topic</div>	<div>9:00am Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAG)</div> <div>3:00pm Ranger Walk--Bears 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ☺ Check local postings for topic</div>	<div>10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>3:00pm Ranger Walk—Geology 1½ hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</div> <div>4:30pm Autumn Twilight Stroll (October 8 & 15 only) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee back patio (DNC)</div> <div>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ☺ Check local posting for topic</div>	<div>9:00am Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAG) WEE WILD ONES (except October 30) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC) ☺</div> <div>3:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS) Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</div> <div>4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORY TIME ½ hr. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery porch. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by adult (AAG)</div> <div>7:00pm HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT (October 30 only) 2 hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles Near shuttle stop #16, see box below for details</div> <div>7:30pm Evening Program (except October 30) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ☺ Check posing for topic</div>
<div>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</div>	<div>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</div>	<div>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (October 8 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from the Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS)</div>	<div>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (October 9 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from the Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$ (NPS)</div> <div>4:00pm Historic Wawona Tour 1¼ hrs. Meet at Wawona Registration Desk (DNC)</div>
			<div>6:15pm Sunset Talk (October 9 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ☺</div> <div>7:00pm Stars Over Yosemite (October 9 only) 1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) ☺</div>

HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT

October 30 at 7:00 p.m.
2 hours
Nature Center at Happy Isles

Join park interpretive staff at the Nature Center at Happy Isles for an evening of "super-natural" fun for the whole family. Stations will be set up investigating some of Yosemite's night life, like spiders, scorpions, bats, and owls. You can also go on a night prowling and enjoy the nature stories finale with goodies and hot drinks for attendees. The Nature Center is a short walk from shuttle stop #16; shuttle service will continue out to Happy Isles until 9:30 p.m. for this event. ☺

Experience Your America
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

On Sunday, October 17, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., an opening will be held in the Yosemite Museum Gallery for the *Experience Your America* photography exhibit. All are invited to attend and enjoy panoramic photography by Stan Jorstad. This collection includes one photograph from each of fifty-eight different national parks. The exhibit will be open for public viewing through December. During the opening, Jorstad will be available for a book signing of *These Rare Lands*.



Joshua Tree National Park

Photograph by Stan Jorstad

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Glacier Point

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some weekends, join a ranger and an astronomical society for a night with telescopes. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater after the sunset talk. See Scheduled Events section for specific dates. Bring warm clothes.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Half Dome from Glacier Point

NPS Photo

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Above: Take a stage ride in Wawona

Photo by John Hawksworth

Right: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Photo by N.G. Messinger



Wilderness Permits

Self-registration for wilderness permits will be available on the front porch of Hill's Studio (near Wawona Hotel) for Chilnualna Falls and Alder Creek trails only. Bear canister rental is available at the Wawona Store. Permits for all other trails are available at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center.

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Tom also features presentations with slides, historic Yosemite music, or Wawona history on some evenings. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times. ☎

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores 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. ☎

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver near the Wawona Covered Bridge. \$3/adult and \$2/child (ages 3-12).

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¼ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the

tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from the South Entrance to Mariposa Grove. **During the week of October 10, the Mariposa Grove Road may be closed for brief periods of time due to comfort station construction.**

Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus

Weekends only

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate throughout the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

Walking through the Grove

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Mariposa Grove Tram Tour

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. Weather permitting. Call 209/375-1621 for tour times.

Mariposa Grove Museum Through October 11

Open daily 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch. Giant sequoia displays and store offering books, maps, and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open Friday - Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899 ☎

Wilderness Permits

Self-registration for wilderness permits on porch of the Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves

Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into 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 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

DISTANCE & ELEVATION		
DESTINATION	DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD	ELEVATION GAIN
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile / 1.3km	400ft / 122m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles / 3.5km	800ft / 292m
Fallen Tunnel Tree	2.5 miles / 4.0km	1,000ft / 305m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles / 4.8km	1,200ft / 438m

Yosemite Today

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Wawona Mariposa Grove Glacier Point

Food & Beverage Service

WAWONA HOTEL
Dining Room
Breakfast and Buffet – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Brunch – 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425

Grocery

Wawona Grocery Store
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

WAWONA
Wawona Hotel Golf Shop
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MARIPOSA GROVE
Big Trees Gift Shop
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Museum Shop
Closes for season October 11
9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GLACIER POINT
Gift Shop
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Post Office

Wawona Post Office
Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ATM

Wawona
Inside Wawona Store

Gas Station

Wawona
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat El Portal

Grocery

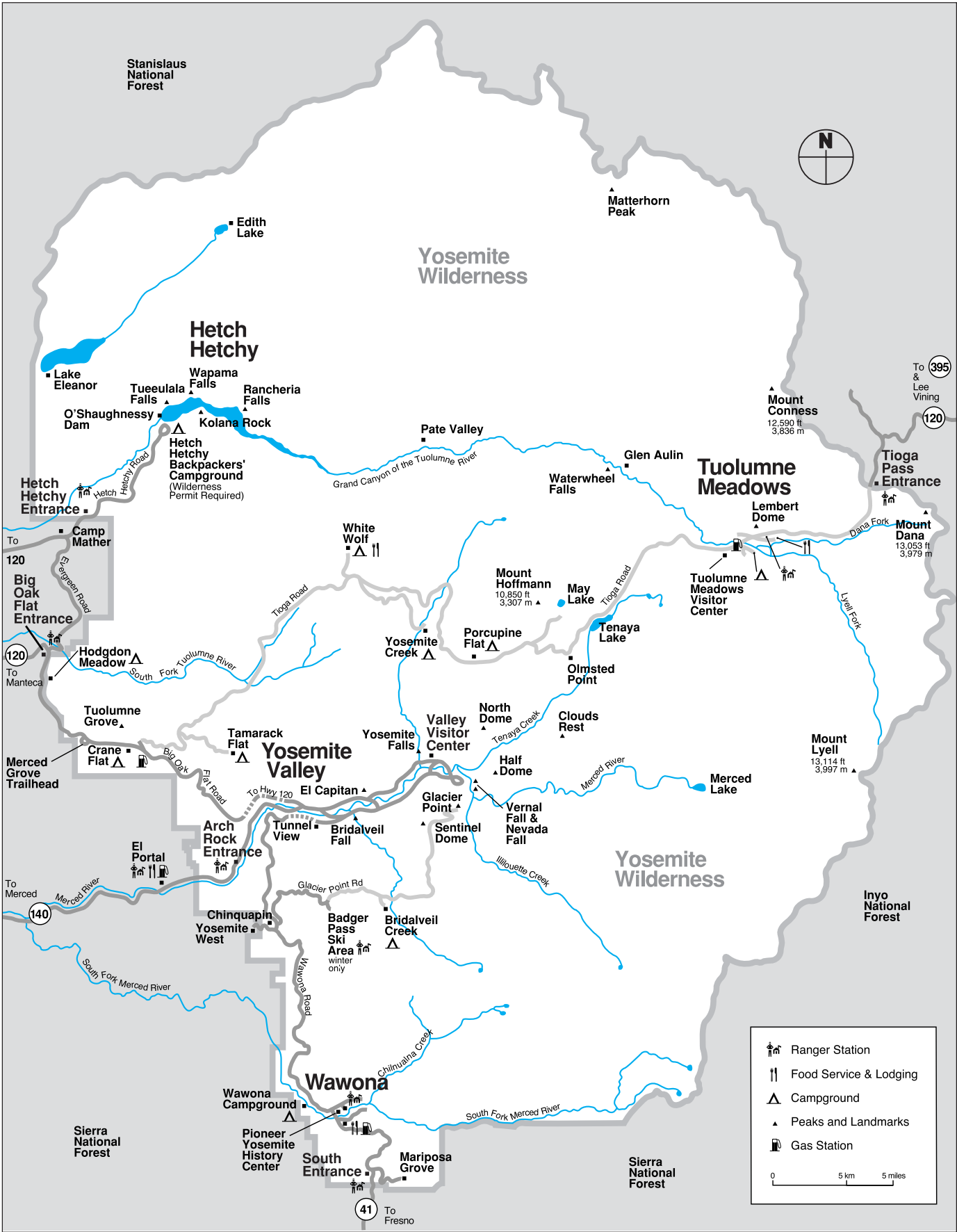
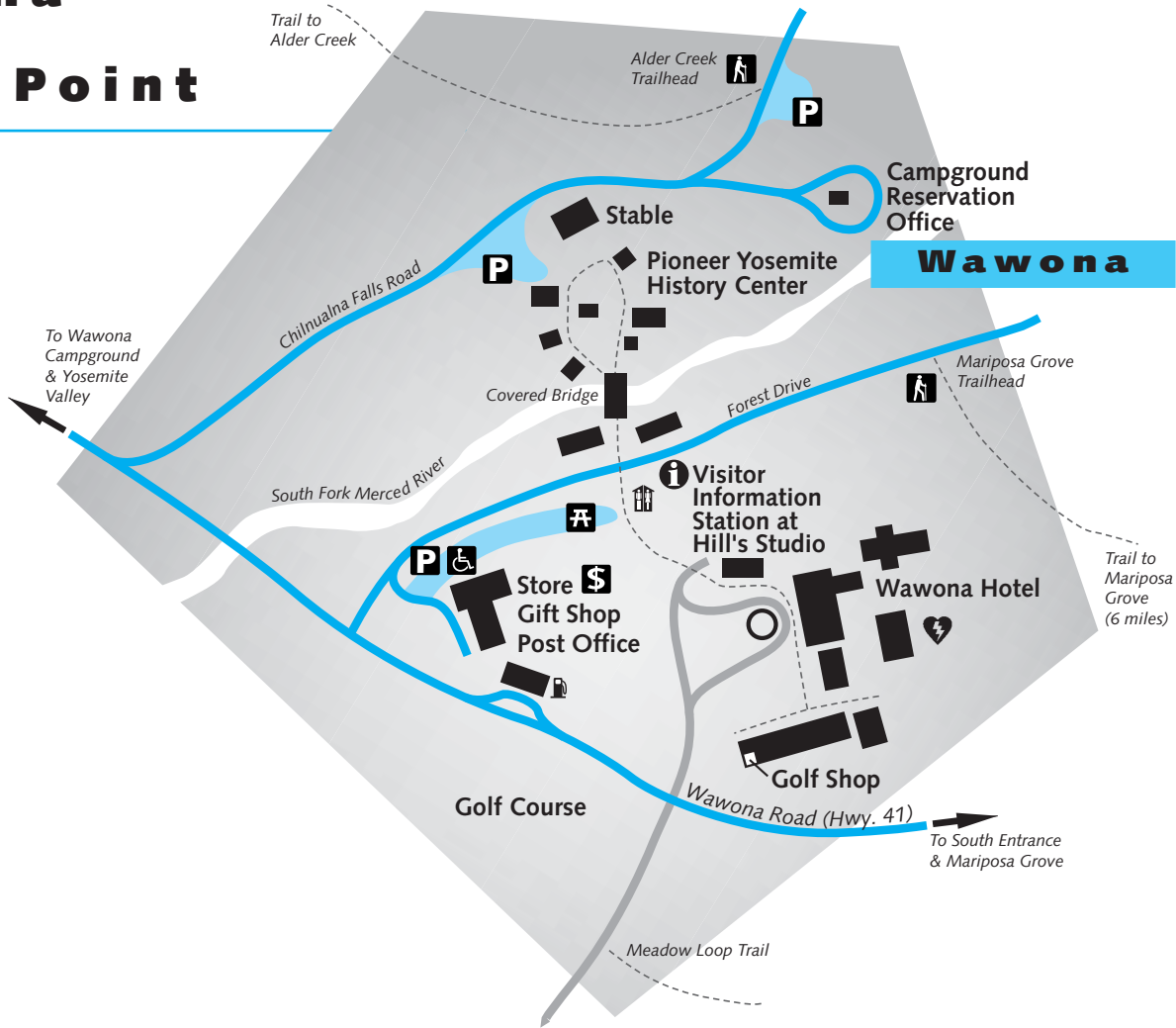
Crane Flat
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
El Portal Market
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Post Office

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

Gas Station

Crane Flat
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.
El Portal
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.



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
800/436-7275 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.
Appointments
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday
Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

🗑️ PAD Program
Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden 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 PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Valley Visitor Center, Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Glacier Point Gift Shop (summer) or Badger Pass Lodge (winter).

Dental Services
Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

🦿 Services For Disabled

The *Yosemite Accessibility Guide* is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access/
TTYs are available inside The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and outside the Curry Village front desk.

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 (www.yosemitepark.com)
For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

Bear Canister Rental

Available for \$5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center (until October 17; beginning October 18 at Valley Visitor Center), Curry Village Mountain Shop, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Recreation

Conditions permitting
YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE
Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

Curry Village
Located in the Mountain Shop
8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

BICYCLE RENTAL
Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers.

Yosemite Lodge
October 5 - 10
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
October 11 - 24
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
October 25 - November 1
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
209/372-1208
Curry Village
Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21
October 5 - 10
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
October 11 - 24
10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
October 25 - November 1
10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
209/372-8319

TRAIL RIDES
Through October 11
Weather permitting
2-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations. 209/372-8348

GOLFING
Wawona Hotel Golf Course
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9-hole, par 35 course
Green fees: 9 holes is \$14.50,
18 holes is \$23.60

Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk
Closes October 31
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk
Closes October 17
7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Visitor Center-Yosemite Village
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS
Valley Floor Tour
This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.* **Most tours are conducted by National Park Service Rangers.**

Glacier Point Tour
A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30, and 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

Big Trees Tram Tour
Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves.*
Call 209/375-1621 for information.

Grand Tour
An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

**Weather permitting*

Night Sky Information

Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. Here are some sights to look for while you are out during the nighttime hours.

October 7 The Moon shines in the early-morning hours. The "star" to its lower right is Saturn.

October 18 The thick waxing crescent Moon shines in the south-west at nightfall. Altair is the brightest star very high above it. You can tell Altair by its little companion star Tarazed, to its upper right.

October 27 A total eclipse of the full Moon is visible throughout the Americas tonight. The eclipse's partial phase begins at 6:14 p.m. The total eclipse begins at 7:23 p.m. and ends at 8:45 p.m.; the partial eclipse ends at 9:54 p.m.

October 31 The Halloween Moon doesn't rise until somewhat after 8 p.m. After it comes up, look well to its upper left for bright Capella. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m.

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General Services

\$ ATM

Yosemite Village
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge
Inside main registration area

Curry Village
Inside gift/grocery store

Wawona
Inside Wawona Store

El Portal
On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

Miscellaneous

Babysitting
Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

Service Organizations

Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Wednesday
DNC General Office Building
(Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous
8:30 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
DNC General Office Building
(Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Saturday
DNC General Office Building
(Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Lions Club
Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee.
Call 209/372-4475 for information.

Rotary International
Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-1401.

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Nondenominational Christian)
Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831
Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

Worship Service
Yosemite Valley Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday (Children's Church and Nursery available)
11:00 a.m. Sunday
6:30 p.m. Sunday
7:00 p.m. Thursday

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley
Visitor Center West Auditorium
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service
Sunday 1:00pm at Yosemite Chapel

CROSSWAY CHURCH
(Christian Protestant)
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

Worship Service
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Curry Village Community Center
(behind Bicycle Rentals)

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255
El Portal Chapel

Worship Service
First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.



Ranger-led tram tour

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