

Oakhurst Visitor Center Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm, daily Phone: (559) 683-4636

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Important Tips for Visiting Yosemite

- o Reservations are **NOT** required this summer to enter Yosemite National Park.
- STAY AWAY FROM & OUT OF FLOWING WATER! Watch & follow warning signs around the Park, although the water is beautiful, it is swift, cold, and very dangerous. There is NO rafting, swimming, or wading in any Yosemite river until further notice.
- Yosemite Valley will be very busy with little parking availability, so if you are going to the Valley, come in EARLY MORNING or LATE AFTERNOON.
- o Best way to get in and see Yosemite is to take a LOCAL TOUR or ride YARTS public transportation.
- Yosemite Valley Shuttle Buses are running every day. This is the best way to get around Yosemite Valley if you are not on a tour. Routes and stops information including updates will be on the Park's website.
 www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/publictransportation.htm
- Visit the historic town of Wawona near the south gate entrance of Yosemite. Experience the Yosemite History Center, take a stagecoach ride, hike Chilnualna Falls (short or long hike), hike the Wawona Meadow Loop Trail, have lunch at the Wawona Hotel, and more. It's the perfect Yosemite stop especially during the busy times in Yosemite Valley (10am to 2pm are the busiest times in the Valley).

Other Park Updates:

- Mariposa Grove is open access is by hiking the road or the Washburn Trail (trail head is at the east end of the parking lot). Both options are 2 miles each way with a 500 ft elevation gain. Shuttle operations are expected to open in mid-June once road repairs are complete.
- **Big Oak Flat Road** between the Groveland entrance (HWY 120) and the Merced Grove is currently closed so there is no access to the Valley from this entrance. The road is expected to open by mid-June (possibly one-lane only initially). Note **Hogden Meadow** is currently accessible from the Groveland entrance. The **Tuolumne and Merced Groves** can only be accessed via Big Oak Flat Road from Yosemite Valley.
- o <u>Hetch Hetchy</u> is open. Hours are 7am to 9pm and is accessible from HWY 120W from outside the park.
- **Bridalveil Fall** parking area & main viewing area near the base of the fall are not expected to open till mid-fall. Bridalveil can be seen and experienced from the parking area along Southside Drive and by a short hike along the open portion of trail from that parking area.
- o Tioga Road is expected to open late-June to mid-July.
- o **Glacier Point Road** is expected to open mid-June to early-July after remaining road repairs are complete.
- **Valley campground** operations can be impacted by flooding. Currenly Lower and North Pines are temporarily closed. Housekeeping Camp is also currently closed. Status will change depending on conditions. See QR Codes below for park campground (*Yosemite National Park Updates*) and Travel Yosemite in-park accommodations info.
- The new **Valley Welcome Center** on the south end of the Village Store is expected to open mid-June. Visitor information & services can be found at the existing Valley Visitor Center in the center of the Yosemite Village.





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK UPDATES







2023 YOSEMITE SUMMER

CONDITIONS UPDATE

