



## Yosemite Launches Yosemite Valley Parking and Road Improvement Project

### Merced River Plan project begins in Yosemite Valley

After two years of design and planning, the National Park Service is launching a wide-ranging project to improve traffic circulation and parking in Yosemite Valley. Beginning September of 2016, the park will reconstruct the Yosemite Village Day-Use Parking Area (south) to improve way-finding and efficiency.

A segment of Northside Drive will move south, allowing safe pedestrian access from the parking area the Yosemite Village. The parking area will move farther away from the Merced River, enabling over an acre of wetland habitat restoration. Construction of a round-about will enhance traffic circulation. Ultimately, the project will provide a more intuitive, scenic, and enjoyable setting for park visitors as they arrive in Yosemite Valley.

The project will continue in early 2017 with improvements to the Yosemite Falls parking area (west of Yosemite Lodge) and the Camp 4 parking area. During the remainder of 2017, the park will rehabilitate portions of Northside and Southside Drive.

This project is part of a comprehensive suite of actions prescribed in the Merced River Plan to protect and enhance the Merced River corridor. The National Park Service approved the Merced River Plan in 2014 after an extensive public involvement process.

# YOSEMITE VALLEY DETOUR AHEAD

DETOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

DETOUR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - FOLLOW TRAFFIC SIGNS AND REDUCE SPEED

NOTE: No parking is available adjacent to the Visitor Center. Please park in designated lots and take the free shuttle bus.

