



A. Yosemite Falls



B. Keep Bears Wild



C. Tunnel View



D. Glacier Point



E. Happy Isles



F. Visitor Center/Museum



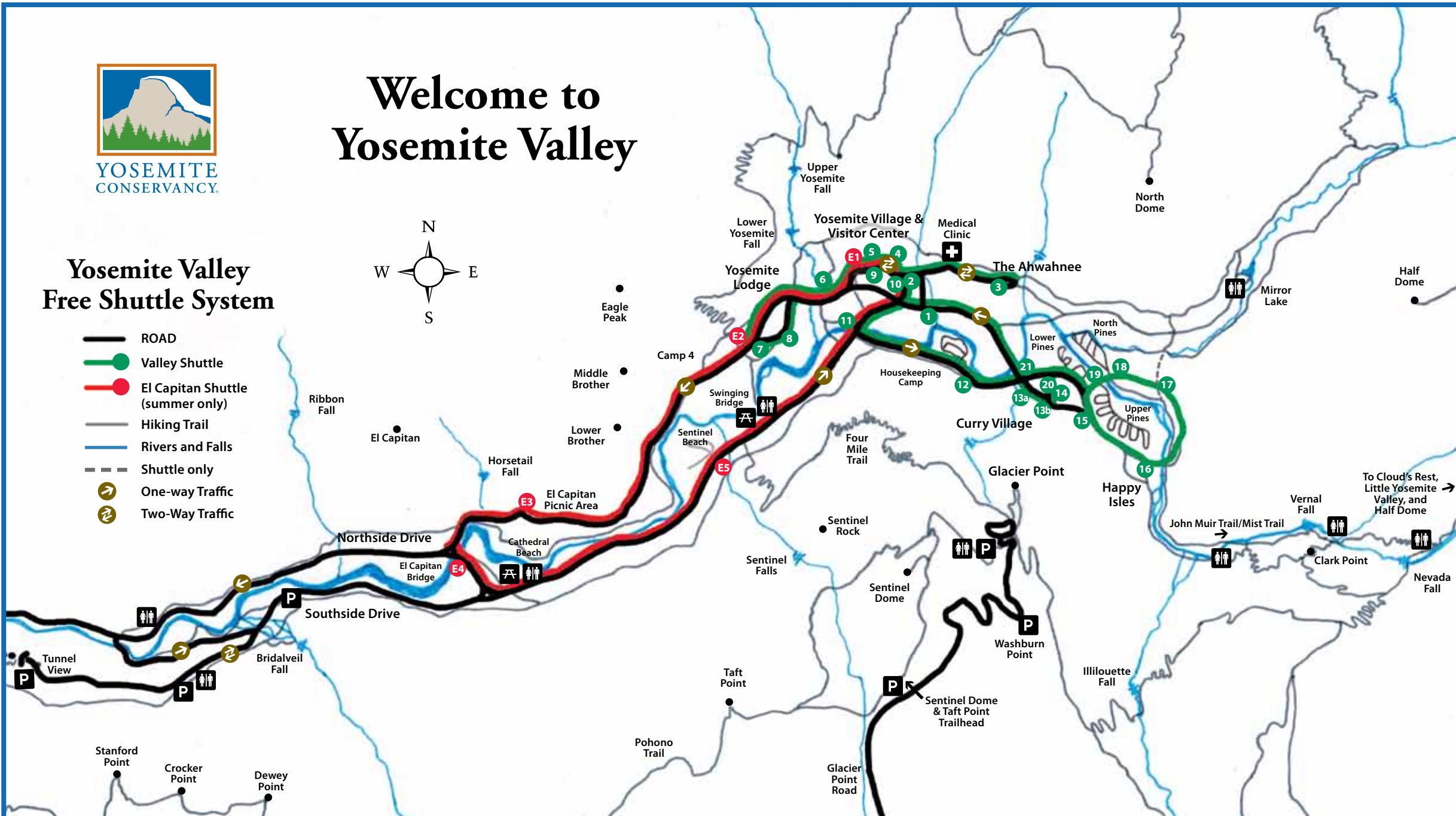
G. Valley Loop Trail



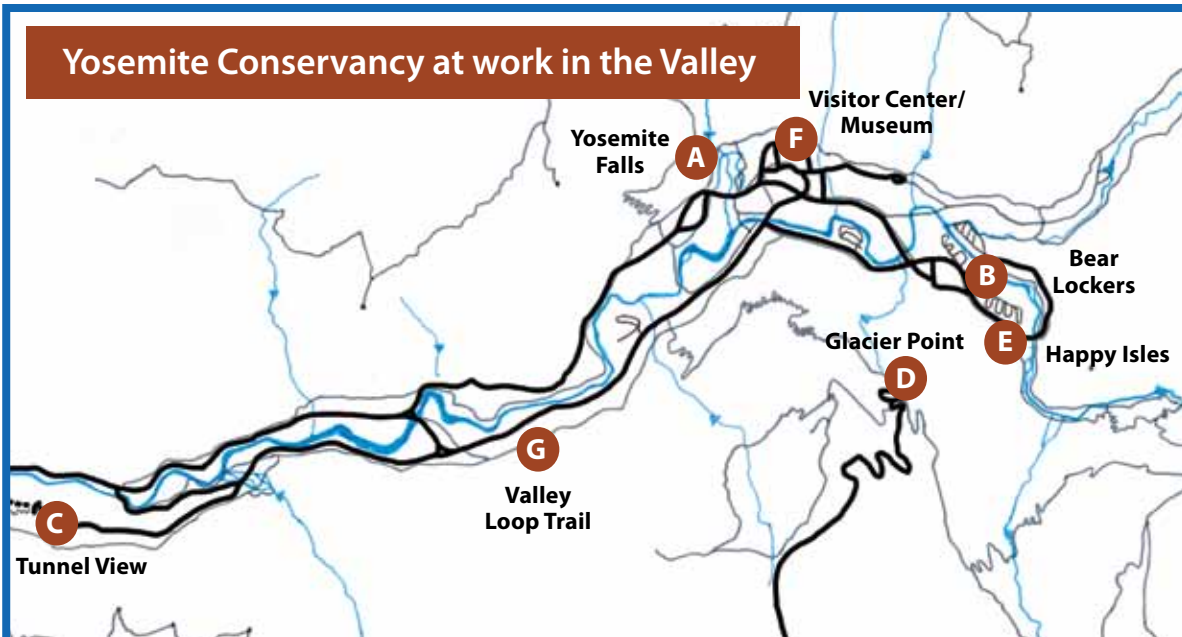
Welcome to Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley Free Shuttle System

- ROAD
- Valley Shuttle
- El Capitan Shuttle (summer only)
- Hiking Trail
- Rivers and Falls
- Shuttle only
- One-way Traffic
- Two-Way Traffic

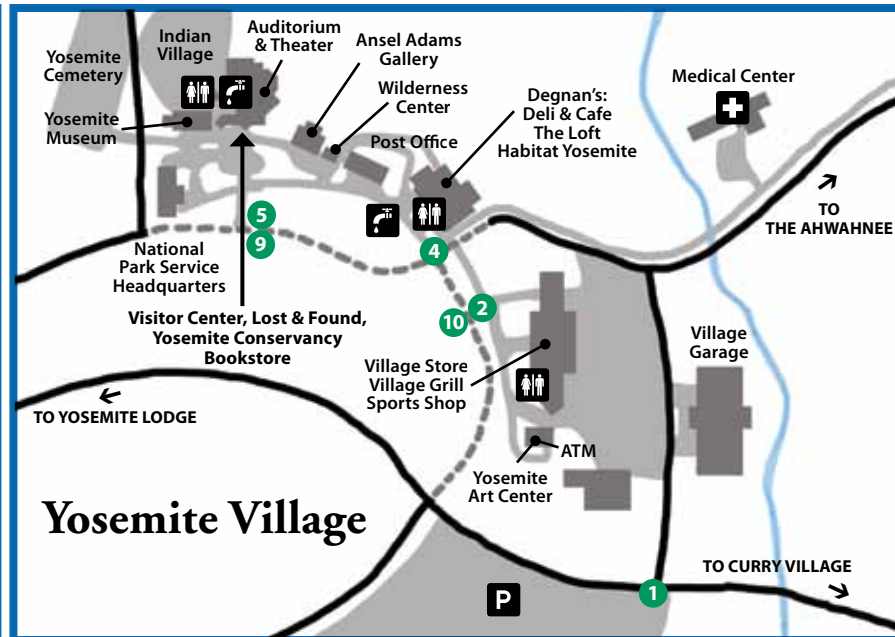


Yosemite Conservancy at work in the Valley



KEY

- Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Hotel
- Camping
- Water Station
- Hiking Trail
- Bike/Raft Rental
- Gift Shop
- Medical Clinic
- Information



SHUTTLE STOPS

- Day Use Parking
- Yosemite Village
- The Ahwahnee
- Degnan's Deli
- Visitor Center
- Lower Yosemite Fall
- Yosemite Lodge/Camp 4
- Yosemite Lodge
- Sentinel Bridge
- LeConte Memorial/Housekeeping Camp
- Bike & Raft Rentals
- Curry Village
- Curry Village Parking
- Upper Pines Campground
- Happy Isles
- Mirror Lake Trailhead
- Stables & North Pines Campground
- Pines Campgrounds
- El Capitan Picnic Area
- El Capitan Bridge
- Sentinel Bridge



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Yosemite Conservancy has been helping to preserve and protect Yosemite for more than 90 years.

With support from donors we have provided over \$90 million in grants to the park for nearly 500 completed projects. Everywhere you look in Yosemite, you'll see evidence of your donations at work. Many of the trails you hike, wildlife you see, and magnificent overlooks you visit have been protected and enhanced thanks to Yosemite Conservancy. The Conservancy also provides funding for a variety of Youth in Yosemite programs. See the reverse for just some of the examples of Yosemite Conservancy support.

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Day Hikes in Yosemite Valley:

EASY (flat and short)

Bridalveil Fall

0.5 mi (0.8 km) round-trip; 20 minutes, elevation change: 80 ft (24 m)

A paved trail leads from the Bridalveil parking area to the base of this waterfall.

Lower Yosemite Fall *wheelchair accessible; dry in late summer and fall*

1.1 mi (1.7 km) loop trail; 30 minutes, elevation change: 50 ft (15 m); shuttle stop #6

Begin at the Lower Yosemite Fall trailhead. Seasonally spectacular views of Yosemite Falls.

Cook's Meadow Loop *wheelchair accessible*

1 mi (1.6 km); 30 minutes, elevation change: mostly level; shuttle stops #5, #6, #9, or #11

Walk along the bike path toward Lower Yosemite Fall. At shuttle stop #6, cross the street and follow the bike path.

Mirror Lake Trail *dry in summer and fall*

2 mi (3.2 km) to the lake and back, 5 mi (8 km) loop around the lake; 1-4 hours, elevation change: 100 ft (30 m); shuttle stop #17

Begin at Mirror Lake Trailhead. A paved trail leads directly to Mirror Lake. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction. It then returns on the other side of Mirror Lake. Accessible via vehicle with accessibility placard.

MODERATE (flat and long)

Valley Loop Trail

11.5 mi (18.5 km) full loop; 7.2 mi (11.6 km) half loop; 2.5-7 hours; elevation change: mostly level; shuttle stop #6

From the Lower Yosemite Falls area, head west along the bike path until you see signs for the Valley Loop Trail. The half loop crosses the Merced River at El Capitan Bridge and returns to Yosemite Village on the south side of the river. For the full loop, continue past El Capitan toward Bridalveil Fall, cross the river at the Pohono Bridge, and return to Yosemite Village.

Vernal Fall Footbridge

1.6 mi (2.6 km) round trip; 1-1.5 hours; elevation change: 400 ft (120 m); shuttle stop #16

Begin at Happy Isles and cross the river. An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from this footbridge.

Hike Safe! Hiking Essentials Checklist:

1. **Appropriate footwear.**
2. **Map and compass as backup to a GPS system.**
3. **Extra water and a way to purify it.**
4. **Extra food.**
5. **Rain gear and extra clothing.**
6. **Safety items: matches or a lighter to build a fire, a light and a whistle.**
7. **First-aid kit.**
8. **Knife or multi-tool.**
9. **Sunscreen and sunglasses.**
10. **Daypack/backpack.**

STRENUOUS (steep and long)

Upper Yosemite Fall and Columbia Rock

7.6 mi (12 km) 6-10 hours round trip; elevation change 2,600 ft (790 m); shuttle stop #7

Start at Camp 4. Turn left on the Valley Loop Trail. Trailhead will be on your right. Columbia Point offers a nice view about 1 mi (1.6km) up the trail and an elevation gain of 1000 ft (300m).

Four Mile Trail

4.8 mi (7.7 km) one way to Glacier Point; 3-4 hours one-way; elevation change: 3,200 ft (975 m)

Begin at the Four Mile Trailhead along Southside Drive. Trail maintains a continuous steep grade with spectacular views. To hike back to the Valley, either reverse your route or use the Panorama trail to descend to Happy Isles. If you want to hike one way arrange transportation back to the Valley from Glacier Point. Bus tickets available seasonally at any concessionaire tour desk.

Panorama Trail

8.3 mi (13.4 km) one way; 6-8 hours; elevation change: 3,200 ft (975 m)

Begin at the Glacier Point parking area. After descending 1,300 ft (400 m) to Illilouette Fall during the first 2 miles (3.2 km), the trail climbs 800 ft (240 m) to the Panorama Cliff ridge line and descends 600 ft (175 m) to the John Muir Trail above Nevada Fall. A left turn follows the John Muir Trail downhill for 3.3 mi (5.3 km); a right turn follows a 2.9 mi (4.7 km) trail across the top of Nevada Fall to the Happy Isles Trailhead.

Vernal & Nevada Falls/Mist Trail

Top of Vernal Fall: 2.4 mi (3.9 km) round trip; 3 hours;

elevation change: 1000 ft (300 m)

Top of Nevada Fall: 5.4 mi (8.7 km) round trip; 5-6 hours;

elevation change: 2000 ft (610 m)

Begin by following directions listed for the Vernal Fall footbridge. Past the Vernal Fall footbridge, the Mist Trail and the John Muir Trail diverge. To hike directly to the top of Vernal Fall, follow the Mist Trail 0.5 miles (0.8 km) up a steep granite stairway. Prepare for slippery footing and waterfall spray. Nevada Fall is 1.5 mi (2.4km) up the steep switchbacks beyond the Mist Trail. The John Muir Trail can be used to hike this corridor in a loop or as a less direct ascent. Portions of the John Muir and Mist Trail are closed in winter.

Half Dome *cables up and trail open May – September*

16.3 mi (26.3 km) round trip; 10-12 hours; elevation change:

4800 ft (1463 m); shuttle stop #16; permit required.

Daily lottery available two days prior to hiking date.

Apply at recreation.gov or by calling 877.444.6777.

Via *Mist Trail* 14 mi (22.5 km) round-trip; via *John Muir Trail*

16.3 mi (26.3 km) round-trip; via *Mist and John Muir Trails*

15.2 mi (24.4 km). Begin at Happy Isles. Follow the Mist Trail or John Muir Trail to Nevada Fall. Continue on the trail, following the signs to Half Dome. The last 900 feet (275 m) of trail is a very steep climb up the east side of Half Dome. Cables assist hikers on the final 400 ft (122 m). **Do not begin this ascent if:** 1) the cables are down, 2) there is any chance of rain (moisture makes the granite too slick for safety), or 3) there is any chance of lightning.

Leave No Trace

1. **Plan ahead and prepare.**
2. **Leave what you find.**
3. **Dispose of waste properly.**
4. **Minimize campfire impacts.**
5. **Respect wildlife. Observe from a distance.**
6. **Travel and camp on durable surfaces.**
7. **Be considerate of other visitors.**



Glacier Point Road Hikes:

MODERATE

McGurk Meadow, Bridalveil Creek, and Dewey Point

elevation change: 300 ft (91m)

Bridalveil Creek: 4 mi (6.4 km) round-trip; 2-3 hours

Dewey Point: 8.2 mi (12.1 km) round-trip; 3-4 hours

Begin at McGurk Meadow trailhead 7.5 miles (12 km) east on Glacier Point Road. The trail leads downhill 0.8 miles (1.3 km) to McGurk Meadow. One mile (1.6 km) beyond the cabin the trail intersects with the Pohono Trail; turn left for Dewey Point and right for Bridalveil Creek.

Sentinel Dome

2.2 mi (3.5 km) round-trip; 2 hours; elevation change: 400 ft (122 m)

Begin at Sentinel Dome/Taft Point trailhead 13.6 miles (21.8 km) east on Glacier Point Road. Can also be hiked in a loop via Taft Point.

Taft Point

2.2 mi (3.5 km) round-trip; 2 hours; elevation change: 200 ft (60 m)

Begin at Sentinel Dome/Taft Point trailhead (see above). Take left turn onto Taft Point Trail and The Fissures. Can also be hiked in a loop via Sentinel Dome.

STRENUOUS

Mono Meadow to view of Mount Starr King

3 mi (4.8 km) round-trip; 2-3 hours; elevation change: 250 ft (76 m)

Begin at Mono Meadow Trailhead, 10.5 miles (17 km) east on Glacier Point Road. The trail descends steeply to Mono Meadow. Follow the trail from the east end of the meadow to a clearing with magnificent views of the Clark Range, Mount Starr King, and Half Dome.

Ostrander Lake

12.4 mi (20 km) round-trip; 5-8 hours; elevation change: 1,600 ft (490 m)

Begin at Ostrander Lake Trailhead, 9 miles (14 km) east on Glacier Point Road. A steep elevation gain opens up to High Sierra views. A short ascent leads to Ostrander Lake.

Pohono Trail

12.9 mi (20.8 km) one way, 8-10 hours, elevation change: 3,700 ft (1,130 m)

Begin at Glacier Point parking area or Tunnel View parking area. The trail is most commonly hiked one-way from Glacier Point, but can be used to hike the entire scenic south rim of the Valley.



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ADVENTURES

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YOSEMITE THEATER

An Evening at the Theater

Pull up a seat after an active day in the park. Enjoy unforgettable performances of historic heroes, daring rescues, thrilling adventures and more at the Yosemite Theater in Yosemite Valley. Located behind the Visitor Center. Shows start at 7pm. See the Yosemite Guide for schedule.



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