



VISIT YOSEMITE | MADERA COUNTY
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Monday - Saturday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

DAILY CONDITIONS REPORT

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Sunset tonight: 4:48 pm

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:13 am

Next Full Moon – January 17, 2021

06:51 pm (EST) (Full Wolf Moon)

You are required by Federal Law to carry tire chains in your vehicle if entering a designated chain control area even if your vehicle is equipped with snow tires and/or 4-wheel drive. Chains can become mandatory at any time.

Road Conditions – If going to Yosemite Valley it is recommended to take HWY 140 from Mariposa.

<p>Yosemite Road Conditions (209) 372-0200 then press 1 – 1</p> <p>R-0 No chains required. R-1 Chains or snow tires required. R-2 Chains required except AWD and 4 Wheel with snow tires. R-3 Chains required on all vehicles no exceptions. R-4 Closed</p>	<p>Highway 140/El Portal Entrance is R-2 All roads within the Yosemite Valley are R-2. Mariposa Grove R-4 (Closed). Hwy 41 (Wawona Rd) is R-2. Big Oak Flat Rd/HWY 120 W of Crane Flat is R4, closed until 12/28/21. Hetch Hetchy Rd. R-4 (Closed temporarily). Glacier Pt Rd to Badger Pass is R-4 (Badger Pass ski area closed 12/28/21) Glacier Pt Rd past Badger Pass is R-4 (Closed). Tioga Pass Rd. is R-4 (Closed for the season).</p>
<p>Sequoia & Kings Canyon Road Conditions (559) 565-3341 www.recreation.gov</p>	<p>Portions are open, check park website www.nps.gov/seki Open Areas of Sequoia National Park The foothills area of Sequoia National Park is open for 6 miles along the Generals Highway to Hospital Rock Picnic Area. There is no access to sequoia groves via the Hwy 198 entrance. Visitor center and park book store open. Limited services. Open Areas of Kings Canyon National Park The Grant Grove area is open and offers opportunities to see sequoia groves. Snacks and supplies are available at the market. This is the only open area with sequoia groves. Enter along Highway 180. HWY 180, is open from Grant Grove to Cedar Grove with limited services. (R2) HWY 198 is open from Ash Mountain Entrance to Hospital Rock. The road between the parks is closed.</p>
<p>CA Highway Conditions Outside the National Parks (800) 427-7623 www.roads.dot.ca.gov</p>	<p>Road work will begin in May on Highway 49 from the Mariposa/Madera County line to the Route 49/Route 140 south junction in Mariposa and go through the winter of 2021.</p>
<p>Wawona Road Delays</p>	<p>The Wawona Campground Sewer Contractor will be installing pull boxes at nine locations on Wawona Road between the Wawona Campground and Chilnualna Falls Road, and on Chilnualna Falls Road between Wawona Road and the UC Merced buildings. Expect a one-lane closure with traffic control for approximately a 100 ft. section, and up to 10-minute delays Monday through Friday, 7AM-5PM, from December 7 to December 31.</p>

Tioga Road Delays – Closed for the season.

This is a 2-year rehabilitation project, so the work and associated delays will continue through the fall of 2021 as weather permits. Crews will shut down for the winter when the road closes. They will start up again in the spring of 2022 and continue throughout summer. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of fall 2022.

Yosemite Area

Check online for more Yosemite information <https://www.travelyosemite.com/alerts/2020/covid-19-guest-updates/>

Yosemite Village www.yosemite.org/art	Village Store: 8 am – 8 pm. Degnan's Kitchen: 7 am – 11 am & 11:30 am – 6 pm (takeout & indoor dining). Ansel Adams Gallery: 10 am – 3 pm. Yosemite Art Center: Monday - Friday: 10 am – 2 pm (April thru October). Village Grill: 11 am – 5 pm.
Yosemite Lodging (888) 413-8869 www.travelyosemite.com	Lodging in Yosemite National Park is open.
Yosemite Restaurants	Mountain Room Lounge: 5 pm – 9 pm. Ahwahnee Dining Room: 7 am – 10 am & 11:30 am – 2 pm & 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Ahwahnee Bar: 2 pm – 9 pm. Base Camp Eatery: 7:30 am – 10 am, 11 am – 3 pm, & 4 pm – 8 pm. Mountain Room Lounge: 5:00 pm -9:00 pm.
Yosemite Retail (Open indoors at 50% capacity)	Ahwahnee Sweet Shop: 11 am – 6 pm. Ahwahnee Gift Shop: 9 am – 7 pm. Yosemite Valley Lodge Gift Shop: 8 am - 8 pm. Yosemite Lodge Starbucks: Closed for the season. El Portal Store: 9 am – 7 pm. Wawona Store: 9 am – 5 pm. Glacier Point Store: Closed for the season.
Bicycle Rentals	Closed for the season.
Open Campgrounds (877) 444-6777 www.recreation.gov	Upper Pines and Camp 4 campgrounds are open. Reservations required at all sites. Lower Pines and North Pines including backpacker's campground are closed for the season.
Half Dome Permits (877) 444-6777 www.recreation.gov	The cables are down for the season. The preseason lottery will be held March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022. https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hermits.htm .
Hiking Information	Bridalveil Fall Closed due to rehabilitation work on trails and parking. The 4 Mile trail is currently closed. The Mist Trail from its junction with the John Muir Trail above Vernal Fall footbridge to the top of Vernal Fall is closed due to icy conditions. The John Muir Trail between Clark Point and Panorama Trail junction (near the top of Nevada Fall) is closed due to icy conditions. The normal winter route is in effect.
Tuolumne Meadows	Closed for the season.
Overnight Climbing Permits	All visitors planning to overnight on any rock-climbing routes in Yosemite National Park will be required to obtain an overnight wilderness climbing permit beginning on May 21, 2021. This pilot program is being implemented to better understand how park visitors use Yosemite's big walls and to help improve climbing wilderness ethics and reduce negative human impacts associated with overnight big wall use. https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/climbing.htm .
Seasonal Climbing Closures	All climbing restrictions have been lifted.
Winter Use Cabins	Tuolumne Ski Hut, Snow Creek Cabin and Ostrander Ski Hut will remain closed to the public for the winter of 2021/22, as they were in 2020/21.
Yosemite National Park Wilderness Permits (209) 372-0740	Contact Yosemite Conservancy for a YNP Wilderness Permit. www.yosemite.org .

Curry Village –	Meadow Grill: Scheduled to reopen spring 2022 Pizza Deck: Scheduled to reopen spring 2022 Coffee Corner: 6:30 am – 11 am. Bar 1899: 2 pm – 9:00 pm. Gift & Grocery: 9 am – 7 pm. Mountain Shop: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. Yosemite Mountaineering School: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. (Closed for lunch 12pm – 1 pm)
Curry Village Ice Rink	Open daily until March 2022, conditions permitting. Purchase ice skating tickets at the Curry Village tour & Activity Desk adjacent to the Registration Office.
Mariposa Grove	Open. No shuttle service. Grove Depot is closed for the season.
Merced Grove	The Merced Grove is open to skiing/snowshoeing/hiking through the Christmas holiday. Short, intermittent, closures will likely occur through the rest of the winter and possibly into early spring for additional work and tree removal
Wawona	Meadow Loop Trail open. Wawona Hotel: Open December 18, 2021 – January 2, 2022
Park Shuttle Buses	Hours of operation are 7:00am – 8:00pm daily, with a stop frequency of every 20-30 minutes. The shuttle routes have been temporarily modified for the winter season. There will be six total stops split between a north loop and a south loop. The north loop will stop at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Village, Lower Yosemite Fall, and Yosemite Valley Lodge. The south loop will connect Yosemite Village to Curry Village orchard parking. (E. Callahan)
Badger Pass Ski Area – Closed 12/27/21	The Nordic Center is open and guided snowshoe hikes, cross-country ski lessons and rentals are available. Learn more at www.travelyosemite.com . The downhill operations is scheduled to open on Friday, December 24.
NPS Snowshoe Walks	Ranger-led snowshoe walks will be on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays beginning December 18. New this year, reservations are required by 2pm the day before the snowshoe walk. Walks are limited to 30 people. Reservations must be made by calling (209) 379-1899.

Bass Lake Area

Campgrounds (877) 444-6777 / (559) 642-3212 www.recreation.gov	Cedar-Lupine is open for reservations. All other campgrounds closed for the season.
Bass Lake Rec Area Day-Use	Lakeside, Little Denver Church, Pine Point, and Willow Cove sites are open.
Sierra Recreation	Open Monday – Friday: 8 am – 4:30 pm.
Sierra National Forest Wilderness Permits	Open. Must apply for Wilderness Permits through recreation.gov
Sierra National Forest, Lewis Creek Trail	Open.
Sierra National Forest, Nelder Grove	Closed.
Firewood-Cutting: personal-use firewood effective April 1 st to November 30 th 2021	Closed.
Sierra Vista Scenic Byway	Closed past Globe Rock.

Tenaya Lodge Ice Rink opens Wednesday, November 24th. Two sessions (9 am – 11 am and 5 pm – 8 pm). \$16 (13 years and older) \$12 (4 – 12 years)