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**Monday - Saturday**  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## DAILY CONDITIONS REPORT

**Friday, January 21, 2022**

Sunset tonight: 5:11 pm

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:09 am

Next Full Moon– February 16, 2022

8:59 am (PST) (Snow 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

<p><b>Yosemite Road Conditions</b> <b>(209) 372-0200 then press 1 – 1</b></p> <p>R-0 No chains required. R-1 Chains or mud &amp; snow tires required. R-2 Chains required except AWD and 4Wheel with mud &amp; snow tires. R-3 Chains required on all vehicles no exceptions. R-4 Closed</p>	<p>Highway 140/El Portal Entrance: <b>R-0</b>. All roads within the Yosemite Valley: <b>R-0</b>. Hwy 41 (Wawona Road): <b>R-1</b>. Big Oak Flat Rd/Hwy 120W of Crane Flat: <b>R-0</b>. Hetch Hetchy Road – Open 8am – 5:00pm: <b>R-1</b>. Glacier Pt Rd to Badger Pass: <b>Closed until 1/22/2022</b>. Glacier Pt Rd beyond Badger Pass: <b>Closed for the season</b>. Hwy 120E - Tioga Pass Road: <b>Closed for the season</b>. Mariposa Grove Road: <b>Closed for the season</b>.</p>
<p><b>Sequoia &amp; Kings Canyon</b> Road Conditions (559) 565-3341 <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a></p>	<p>Portions are open, check park website <a href="http://www.nps.gov/seki">www.nps.gov/seki</a> <b>Open Areas of Sequoia National Park</b> 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. <b>Open Areas of Kings Canyon National Park</b> The Grant Grove area is open and offers opportunities to see a sequoia grove. Snacks and supplies are available at the market. This is the only open area with sequoias. Enter along Highway 180. <b>HWY 180</b> is R1, please bring chains. <b>HWY 198</b> is open from Ash Mountain Entrance to Hospital Rock. <b>The road between the parks is closed.</b></p>
<p><b>CA Highway Conditions Outside the National Parks</b> (800) 427-7623 <a href="http://www.roads.dot.ca.gov">www.roads.dot.ca.gov</a></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 2022.</p>
<p><b>Wawona Road – Delays</b></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, until January 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Big Oak Flat Road – Blasting</b></p>	<p>Trail Crew is planning to blast a boulder on Big Oak Flat Road Tuesday, January 11. There will be intermittent traffic delays that morning.</p>
<p><b>Tioga Road Delays – Closed for the season.</b></p>	<p>This is a 2-year rehabilitation project. 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.</p>

## Yosemite Area

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

Yosemite Valley Shuttle	Open: 7 am – 8 pm daily.
Yosemite Village <a href="http://www.yosemite.org/art">www.yosemite.org/art</a>	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 & Loft at Degnan's: Closed for the season
Yosemite Lodging (888) 413-8869 <a href="https://www.travelyosemite.com">www.travelyosemite.com</a>	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.
Bicycle Rentals	Closed for the season.
Open Campgrounds (877) 444-6777 <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>	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. The next camping on-sale date of <b>January 15</b> will release arrival dates between May 15 and June 14.
Half Dome Permits (877) 444-6777 <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>	The cables are down for the season. The preseason lottery will be held March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022. <a href="https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hermits.htm">www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hermits.htm</a> .
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. Tuolumne Lodge & White Wolf Lodge both plan to reopen on June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022.
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. <a href="https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/climbing.htm">https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/climbing.htm</a> .
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. <a href="http://www.yosemite.org">www.yosemite.org</a> .
Curry Village Lodging	<b>Winter 2022:</b> Open for weekends only (Friday/Saturday nights) starting January 28, 2022. Curry Village lodging is available Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights during Presidents' Day holiday weekend.
Curry Village	Meadow Grill: Scheduled to reopen spring 2022 Pizza Deck: Scheduled to reopen spring 2022 Coffee Corner: - <b>Open weekends:</b> 6:30 am – 11 am.

	<p>Seven Tents Pavilion - <b>Open weekends:</b> 7 am – 10 am, 11 am - 5 pm (lunch is grab &amp; go), 5 pm – 9 pm</p> <p>Bar 1899 - <b>Open weekends:</b> 2 pm – 9:00 pm.</p> <p>Gift &amp; Grocery: 10 am – 7 pm.</p> <p>Mountain Shop: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm.</p> <p>Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS): <b>Closed</b> - YMS is available at the Badger Pass Ski area for winter activities.</p> <p>All of Curry Village is scheduled to reopen March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, unveiling comprehensive renovations to all dining facilities.</p>
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. Check <a href="https://www.travelyosemite.com/winter/curry-village-ice-skating-rink">https://www.travelyosemite.com/winter/curry-village-ice-skating-rink</a> for schedule.
Housekeeping Camp	Scheduled to reopen on April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2022.
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: Scheduled to reopen March 25, 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	<p><b>Downhill Operations for Skiing &amp; Snowboarding:</b> <b>CLOSED TEMPORARILY DUE TO COVID-19. REOPENING ON 1/22/2022.</b></p> <p><b>Downhill Operations for Skiing &amp; Snowboarding:</b> Lift hours 9 am – 4 pm. Half day rate hours 12 pm – 4 pm.</p> <p><b>The Nordic Center:</b> Open and guided snowshoe hikes, cross-country ski lessons and rentals are available.</p> <p><b>The Snow Tubing Hill:</b> Open, visitors can purchase tubing sessions at the Nordic Center. Session Times are 11:30 am to 1:30 pm &amp; 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.</p> <p><b>Shuttle Busses to/from Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass:</b> Offered on Fridays, Saturdays &amp; Sundays.</p> <p>Learn more at: <a href="https://www.travelyosemite.com/winter/badger-pass-ski-area">www.travelyosemite.com/winter/badger-pass-ski-area</a>.</p>
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.
Pile Burning	Pile burning beginning January 19 <sup>th</sup> 2022: Fire crews are planning to conduct pile burning operations beginning the 19 <sup>th</sup> of January, as conditions allow. Locations include the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station, Crane Flat, Merced Grove, and areas around Mariposa Grove; burning will likely continue over the next few weeks. Smoke may be present throughout burning operations and may linger into the following weeks as large logs are consumed.
Construction & Pedestrian Detours	Yosemite Valley Welcome Center Construction Beginning, with Pedestrian Detours: Construction on the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center will begin in late January 2022. The contractor will stage their operations in the south end of the Village Store parking lot. The adjacent South & North Parking Lot project will also stage in this area. Pedestrians moving between day-use parking and Yosemite Village will be detoured around the project site. The Village Grill will operate this spring & summer. Construction will continue through spring 2023.

## Bass Lake Area

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

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