

Yosemite National Park

Ultimate Guide



How to Get There:

Big Oak Flat Entrance: 2.5 hrs from Sacramento

South Entrance: 4 hrs from SF

Arch Rock Entrance: 1 hr from Mariposa

Best Time to Visit:

Spring: Waterfalls peak, wildflowers bloom

Summer: Perfect for hiking, but busy

Fall: Fewer crowds, vibrant foliage

Winter: Snowy beauty, perfect for snowshoeing



Top Sights:

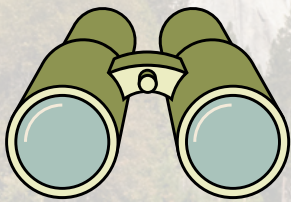
Yosemite Falls: North America's tallest waterfall

El Capitan: Iconic granite monolith

Tunnel View: Best panoramic views of Yosemite Valley

Glacier Point: Stunning views of Half Dome and Yosemite Valley

Mariposa Grove: Home to ancient sequoias



Top Trails:

Easy Hikes: Lower Yosemite Falls (1 mile), Bridalveil Fall (0.5 miles)

Moderate Hikes: Mist Trail to Vernal & Nevada Falls (7 miles, 2,200 ft elevation gain), Sentinel Dome & Taft Point Loop (5.1 miles, 1,100 ft elevation gain)

Challenging Hikes: Half Dome (14-16 miles, 4,800 ft elevation gain), Clouds Rest (14.5 miles, 3,025 ft elevation gain)



Where to Stay:

Inside the Park: The Ahwahnee (luxury), Yosemite Valley Lodge (near falls), Campgrounds (Upper Pines, Tuolumne Meadows)

Outside the Park: Tenaya Lodge (family-friendly), Rush Creek Lodge (near Big Oak Flat Entrance)

