

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES; LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

Millions of people visit Yosemite each year. To protect it and to make sure all can enjoy its beauty; please walk on official trails, follow direction on all signs, don't cross over fences or railings, and don't shortcut switchbacks. From Giant Sequoia pinecones to wildflowers, every bit of nature you find needs to stay where you found it. Drones are not permitted in the park.

POOPING IN THE PARK

Use public restrooms whenever possible but if that is not an option, you must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trails, or camping areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

BICYCLE USE IN YOSEMITE

Bicycles are allowed on paved paths only in Yosemite Valley (note – speed limit is 15mph). They are allowed on the regular roads as well. No "off-road" riding or mountain biking is allowed in Yosemite.

PETS IN YOSEMITE

Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (unless marked otherwise). Pets are prohibited in all Wilderness areas, and on most trails. Pets must be leashed (no longer than 6 feet) and please remember to clean up after your pet.

PARKING

Park only in designated areas. Drive only on established roadways. Parking is very limited throughout the park. Please walk or take the shuttle bus whenever possible.

BE BEAR AWARE

All food, trash and scented items should be removed from vehicles and placed in food lockers. Keep empty coolers out of sight (this is required by law at night).

BE PREPARED FOR YOUR HIKING ADVENTURE

Regardless of whether it's an epic hike or short stroll, plan ahead and be prepared! Know the current conditions including the weather forecast (also prepare for rapid changes in the weather). Bring plenty of water, wear proper footwear and clothing, use sunscreen, and let someone know when and where you are hiking.

While over 95% of Yosemite is designated as Wilderness Area, Wilderness Permits are only needed for backpacking and overnight stays in the Yosemite Wilderness, not for day hikes (unless you are hiking Half Dome).
www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm



WAWONA AREA HIKING

- 📍 Alder Creek
- 📍 Swinging Bridge Loop
- 📍 Chilnualna Falls
- 📍 Lower Chilnualna Falls
- 📍 Wawona Meadow Loop

IMPORTANT NOTES

Bring plenty of water. Bottled water is not available anywhere in the grove. You can refill your re-usable water bottles at the drinking fountains located at the Welcome Plaza.

Wear a good hat and hiking shoes. Use sunscreen. The trails in the Mariposa Grove are uphill, except for the "Easy" & "Accessible" marked trail sections. There are many places where you are exposed to the sun.

MARIPOSA GROVE HIKING

- 📍 Washburn Trail
- 📍 Grizzly Giant Loop Trail
- 📍 Big Trees Loop
- 📍 Guardians Loop Trail
- 📍 Mariposa Grove Trail & Wawona Point

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO TO THE MARIPOSA GROVE

Scan to view current conditions →



Pets are not allowed on any trails or roads in the Mariposa Grove. Pets are not allowed on the Mariposa Grove Road, Washburn Trail, or anywhere in the Mariposa Grove. Pets are not allowed on shuttles.

Horses are only allowed on the Perimeter Trail and not anywhere else within the Mariposa Grove.

Restrooms are located at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and Arrival Area, near the Mariposa Grove Cabin, and near the Grizzly Giant year-round. During winter, some of these will be converted to vault toilets.

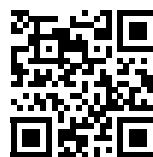
Drinking water is available only at the welcome plaza (year-round) and arrival area (summer only), so plan accordingly.

There are no food services available at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza or within the Mariposa Grove. The Depot, located at the welcome plaza, has a selection of books, maps, general information, and gifts.

Bicycles are allowed on the Mariposa Grove Road between the welcome plaza (near South Entrance) and the Grizzly Giant when the road is open for the season. Bicycles are not allowed elsewhere in the Mariposa Grove.



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Mariposa Grove & Wawona Area Hikes



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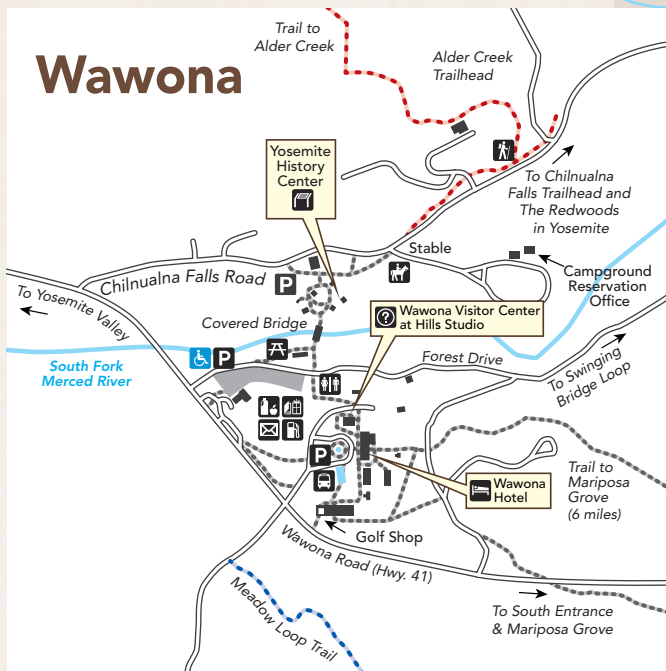


- Accessible
- Accessible Parking Only
- Books & Souvenirs
- Campground
- Dogs Allowed
- Exhibit
- Gas Station
- Horses Allowed
- Information - Visitors Center
- Lodging
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Post Office
- Restrooms
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Shuttle Stop
- Store
- Trailhead
- YARTS Stop (Summer only)

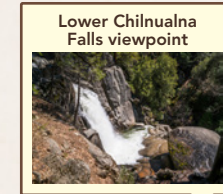
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Wawona Area Hiking Trails

- Easy Trail
- Moderate Trail
- Moderately Strenuous Trail
- Strenuous Trail
- Roads



- EASY
- MODERATE
- MODERATELY STRENUOUS
- STRENUOUS



The Redwoods in Yosemite (cabin rentals)



Swinging Bridge

12 MILES (18.7 KM) ROUND-TRIP TO ALDER CREEK | 6 HOURS
2,500 FT (762 M) ELEVATION GAIN

ALDER CREEK ①

BEGIN Alder Creek Trailhead parking area; located .4 miles up Chilnualna Falls Road

The trail leads from the parking area across the road and heads uphill north through an open pine forest with abundant manzanita growing on drier slopes. The trail provides access to Alder Fall, a little-visited, 100-foot cascade. Carry lots of drinking water in summer, when temperatures can be extreme. **ALTERNATE ROUTE:** Begin at Mosquito Creek along Wawona Road (hike is 8 miles round-trip to Alder Fall).

8.2 MILES (13 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 5 TO 6 HOURS
2,400 FT (732 M) ELEVATION GAIN

CHILNUALNA FALLS ②

BEGIN Chilnualna Falls Trailhead parking area located two miles up Chilnualna Falls Road

The trail leads from the parking area across the road and along Chilnualna Creek for 1/2 mile (.8 km). A series of switchbacks lead away from the creek into the open forest. The falls are comprised of five large cascades sliding through and over rock formations above the Wawona Basin—water here is fullest in spring and early summer. Carry lots of drinking water in the summer, when temperatures can be extreme.

0.5 MILES (0.8 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 1/2 HOUR | 250 FT (76 M) ELEVATION GAIN

LOWER CHILNUALNA FALLS ③

BEGIN Chilnualna Falls Trailhead parking area located two miles up Chilnualna Falls Road

Start at the trailhead just past at the end of Chilnualna Falls Road. Parking and restrooms are. The trail starts out pretty flat and then starts climbing upwards up a series of granite steps. Once you get to the base of the falls, there are a few spots/spur trails to get some relatively close-up views of the falls.

A. 1.24 MILES (2.0 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 1/2 HOUR | 26 FT (8 M) ELEVATION GAIN
B. 0.8 MILES (1.29 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 20 MINUTES | 10 FT (3M) ELEVATION GAIN

SWINGING BRIDGE TRAIL ④

There are two trail heads to consider, both are relatively short, flat and easy hikes:

BEGIN Chilnualna Falls Rd

A. Start the Chilnualna Falls Rd junction with Wawona Rd and drive 2.1 miles. You'll want continue on 0.3 miles past Chilnualna Falls TH until you arrive at the dirt parking area. The trail is relative flat and a pretty easy walk to the bridge.

BEGIN Forest Dr.

B. Start the trailhead with a 1.9 miles drive along Forest Dr (from its junction Wawona Rd). Forest Dr. ends at a dirt parking area. The trail is wide and pretty flat and you can even navigate it with a stroller or wagon.

3.5 MILES (5.6 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 1.5 TO 2 HOURS

WAWONA MEADOW LOOP ⑤

BEGIN Wawona Hotel

Walk on the paved road across the Wawona Golf Course. Once across the golf course, take a left at the sign-posted trailhead. The trail is an unpaved fire road which loops around the meadow and returns to the Wawona Road. A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife and wildflowers. Horses, bikes, and leashed pets are allowed on the trail.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

See map on inside.

MARIPOSA GROVE of GIANT SEQUOIAS Hiking Trails

Stop by the Yosemite Conservancy Depot at the Welcome Plaza to collect your Galen the Great Horned Owl Trading Card



- Accessible
- Books & Souvenirs
- Drinking Water
- Horses Allowed
- Exhibit
- Parking
- Parking - Accessible Only
- Picnic Area
- Ranger Station
- Restrooms
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Shuttle Stop
- Trailhead
- YARTS Stop (Summer only)

- This map should not be used for wilderness trips; use a detailed trail map or topographic map instead.
- Always be prepared for sudden changes in weather and carry plenty of water. Treat all water obtained from natural sources.
- Stay on the trail; taking a shortcut causes trail erosion and can be dangerous.

Choose the difficulty level of your hike



- EASY
- MODERATE
- MODERATELY STRENUOUS
- STRENUOUS

2.0 MILES (3.2 KM) | 50 TO 65 MINUTES
484 FT ELEVATION GAIN


WASHBURN TRAIL 1
BEGIN Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza

The Washburn Trail is a mostly shaded dirt trail that roughly parallels the Mariposa Grove Road. It starts at the far end of the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza parking area (where the oversized vehicles and RVs park) and terminates at the parking area and boardwalk in the Arrival Area. This fairly popular trail is generally open year round (snowshoes are recommended equipment during winter visits). Note - dogs are not allowed on this, or any other trail, in the Mariposa Grove.



MARIPOSA GROVE ARRIVAL AREA

ELEV. 5,600 ft. (1,707 m)




Parking is allowed only when shuttle service is not available

0.3 MILE (0.5 KM) ROUND-TRIP
30 TO 45 MINUTES | WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

BIG TREES LOOP 2
BEGIN Mariposa Grove Arrival Area


Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias. This loop is relatively flat and is wheelchair accessible.



2.1 MILES (3.4 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 1.5 TO 2 HOURS
500 FEET (150 M) ELEVATION GAIN

GRIZZLY GIANT LOOP TRAIL 3
BEGIN Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and the California Tunnel Tree. Visitors with a valid disabled placard can drive as far as the Grizzly Giant parking and enjoy the grove via a section of trail that is wheelchair accessible.



6.5 MILES (10.4 KM) | 4 TO 6 HOURS
1,000 FT (300 M) ELEVATION GAIN

GUARDIANS LOOP TRAIL 4
BEGIN Mariposa Grove Arrival Area


From the tranquil upper portion of the grove, a 1.5-mile (2.4 km) loop takes hikers past many unique features such as the fallen Wawona Tunnel Tree, the Telescope Tree, and the Mariposa Grove Cabin.



7.75 MILES (12.4 KM) ROUND-TRIP | 3 TO 5 HOURS
1,200 FT (366 M) ELEVATION GAIN

MARIPOSA GROVE TRAIL 5 TO WAWONA POINT 6
BEGIN Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

This wide and relatively smooth trail follows a route that people have used to access the grove for generations. See famous sequoias such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Faithful Couple, and the Clothespin Tree along this somewhat strenuous route to the upper reaches of the grove. Continue to historic Wawona Point, an over-look with panoramic views.



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