# Create Your Own GreenPath

It only takes a few small steps to make a huge impact on our world. Try a few of these tips at home and get on the path to a greener future.

- Walk and bike more
- Take advantage of public transportation
- To conserve gas, keep car tires inflated, obey the speed limit and get regular tune-ups
- · Recycle bottles, cans, plastic and paper
- Start a compost for food waste
- Switch bulbs to CFLs (compact fluorescents) or LEDs
- Turn down heat or air conditioning while you're sleeping or away from home
- Turn off electronics, including lights, when not in use
- Utilize power strips to shut off electronics and conserve standby power when not in use
- Water your lawn and garden in the evenings to reduce evaporation
- Install low flow toilets, faucets and shower heads
- Choose local, seasonal and organic foods EatWellGuide.org
- Buy free-range, grass-fed beef and organic dairy products



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### Go Green at Yosemite

The Yosemite Grant established the first area set aside by the US Government for preservation and protection, even before the National Park Service was created. To help keep Yosemite thriving, now and into the future, we provide a wide range of eco-friendly initiatives. Here are just a few:

#### Do Your Part and Drink Smart

Of all the recyclables picked up by 1,000 volunteers at Yosemite's annual "Facelift" cleanup project, empty plastic bottles top the list. That's why we encourage you to refill your water bottle. Look for free water filling stations throughout the park, like the one between Degnan's Deli and the Habitat Store in Yosemite Village. We built it out of reclaimed roof tiles from The Ahwahnee hotel! Or refill your clean water supply at one of NPS' most popular watering stations along the Yosemite Mist Trail, at the bridge at the base of Vernal Fall.



### ireenPath® Insider's Tip:

Take good care of yourself and the environment drink plenty of water and choose to use a refillable bottle instead of plastic.



### ireenPath® Insider's Tip:

Eating green doesn't have to cost you more green!
You'll find delicious home-made vegetarian dishes
at the Food Court and at the Mountain Room
Lounge located at Yosemite Lodge.

### Order Green Cuisine

The chefs in the park work hard to use organic and sustainable food products throughout our restaurants, and we do our best to stock a variety of delicious and healthy food in our stores. We partner with local farmers to put fresh produce, free-range beef, antibiotic-free pork, organic turkey, and fish listed on the Monterey Bay Seafood Watch program in restaurants and stores throughout the park.

And, at Yosemite, we turn waste into energy!

The kitchens at Yosemite collect more than 25 tons of discarded vegetable oil each year. So we partner with local companies like Bio-Tech to take our used vegetable oil and process it into useable Biodiesel fuel.

#### Park and Ride

Yosemite's free hybrid shuttle buses transport over 4 million guests every year and produce 90% fewer emissions than traditional buses. And because they're 70% quieter than most vehicles on the road, they're less disruptive to people and wildlife. Use the map on the front of this guide to find the nearest stop on our shuttle loop, and take a free ride through Yosemite on one of the nation's first hybrid shuttle systems.



### GreenPath® Insider's Tip:

Give Plants a Chance! Stay on marked trails so plants have a chance to grow.

### Use Your Feet!

Using your feet to explore means less of a footprint on our environment, and with over 800 miles of hiking trails, it's the easiest way to keep Yosemite green. Or visit Curry Village or Yosemite Lodge to rent a bike. And while you're out on your ride, try to spot an employee riding a retired bike from the GreenPath program – it's how we recycle our bicycles!

#### What Goes Around Comes Around

Yosemite National Park is home to one of the most extensive recycling and waste reduction programs in the National Park System. We currently divert 1,800 tons of discarded materials a year away from landfills. And 53% of our waste, including over 30 different materials, is recycled. From organic waste diversion in our restaurants to reduced packaging in our stores, Delaware North is committed to recycle, reuse

To help recyclables come full circle at Yosemite please use this key:

every possible step.

and repurpose in Yosemite at

## Use green containers for:

- Plastics
- Glass
- Aluminum

### Use brown trash cans for:

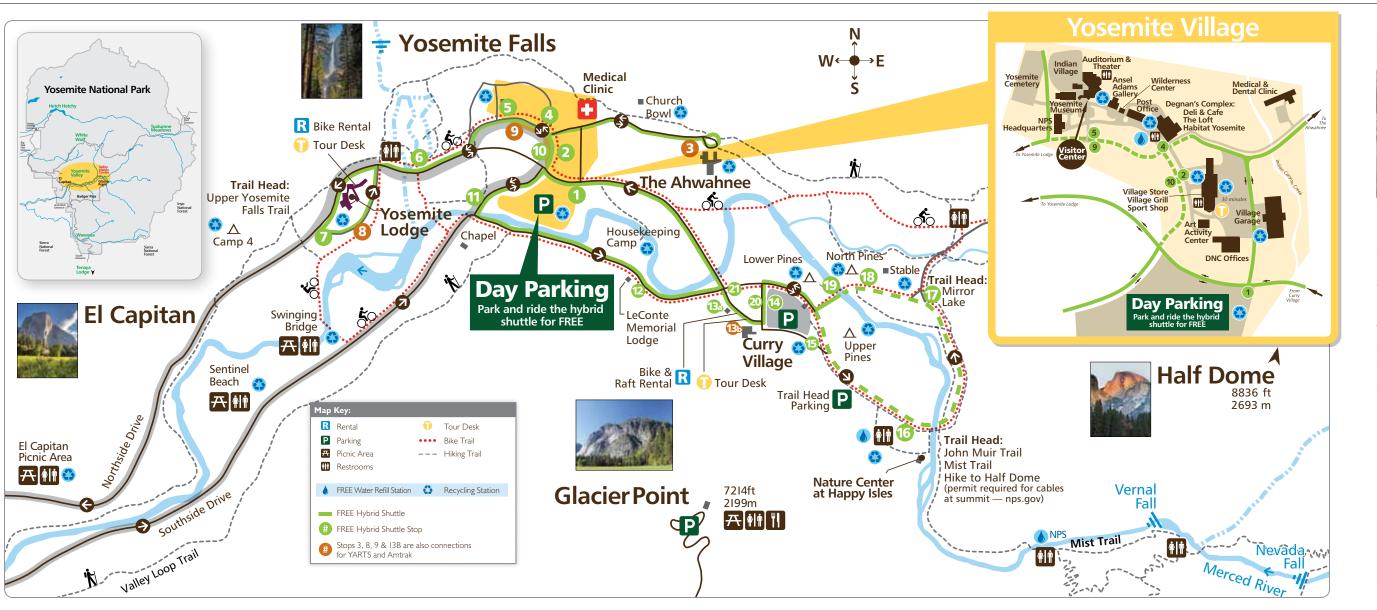
- Food
- Other Wastes

**The Recycling Center** is located behind the Village Store in Yosemite Village.

- Summer Hours: open 7 days a week from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Off-Season Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.









It was on the grounds of Yosemite National
Park over a decade ago that Delaware North
developed GreenPath®, an innovative environmental
management system that has become an awardwinning program that helps minimize our impact on
precious resources.

We hope that you'll use this Green Guide as a compass to help you navigate toward a more sustainable future – both at Yosemite, and at home.

#### **Quick Guide to Green Steps at Yosemite**

- Ride our Free Hybrid Shuttle -
- Walk, Hike and Bike More 🕻 🕉
- Use our FREE Water Stations and recycle at any one of over 100 recycling stops throughout the park

### ireenPath® Insider's Tip:

By choosing re-usable shopping bags, last year Yosemite shoppers helped save over 4,000 trees.