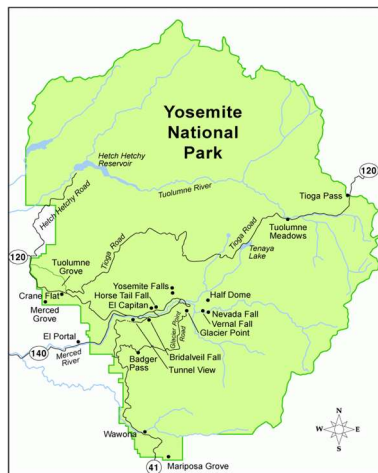


Location of Yosemite



Location of the Yosemite National Park within the country of the United States of America.



General layout of the Yosemite National Park.

Key Vocabulary

United States of America	A country on the continent of North America.
California.	A state within the country of the United States of America.
National Park	An area of countryside protected by the state for the general public or the preservation of wildlife.
landscape	All of the visible features of an area of land.
glacier	A slowly moving mass or river of ice.
river	A large natural stream of water flowing in a channel towards the sea, a lake or another river.
lakes	A large area of water surrounded by land.
waterfall	A cascade of water falling from a height, formed when a river or stream falls over a steep incline.
biome	A large, naturally occurring community of flora and fauna occupying a major habitat.
vegetation	Plants considered collectively.
tourism	The commercial organisation of visits to places of interest.

Key Landmarks



El Capitan is a vertical rock formation which is 3000ft/914m from base to top. It is popular with rock climbers.



Half Dome is a rock formation recognisable for its distinct shape. Formed from granite, its top is 4737ft/1,444m above the valley floor.



The **O'Shaughnessy Dam** is a 430ft/131m high concrete dam which is on the Tuolumne River. It help to supply water to the San Francisco area of USA.



The **Hetch Hetchy** reservoir was created by the building of the O'Shaughnessy Dam in 1923.



The **Lyell Glacier** is the largest glacier in Yosemite and lies on the northern slopes of Mount Lyell.



Mount Lyell is the highest point in Yosemite at 13,144ft/3997m. It was named after Charles Lyell, a well-known 19th century geologist.

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