

Overnight Vehicle Permits for Big Wall Climbing



All visitors must obtain access to Yosemite through an accepted reservation. For overnight climbing, the reservation must then be updated by a Yosemite Climbing Ranger to issue an overnight vehicle permit.

Once a reservation is secured, contact Yosemite Climbing Management at yose_climbing@nps.gov (preferred) or by calling (209) 372-0360. **By appointment**, a Climbing Ranger will be available to meet at El Capitan Meadow between 10:30am and 12:30pm or in Yosemite Village between 4:00pm and 5:00pm to issue overnight vehicle permits. If requesting a same day vehicle permit, contact should be made before 10:00am.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if my trip will last longer than the seven days allotted by my entry permit?

A: If your climb will last longer than seven days, your overnight vehicle permit can be extended to a maximum of 14 days (13 nights) from day of entry to the park so long as you are actively on the wall.

Q: How far in advance can an overnight vehicle permit be obtained?

A: The permit can be issued by Climbing Rangers one day before or on the starting day of your multi-day climbing trip.

Q: Where can I obtain a bear canister?

A: As a last resort, they can be rented from the Valley wilderness center. The center is open from 9:00am-1:00pm daily and is located in Yosemite Village next to the post office.

Q: Do I need a vehicle permit if I plan to climb a big wall in a push?

A: Day use permits are for the hours of 5:00am-11:00pm. If there is any chance of your vehicle being left after those day use hours, an overnight vehicle permit should be obtained.

Q: Do I need a wilderness permit for an overnight trip to El Capitan summit via East Ledges, base of NW Face of Half Dome, or Snake Dike/ south face of Half Dome, etc?

A: Yes. You can obtain these permits as well from Yosemite Climbing Rangers at given times and areas by appointment.

Q: How can I obtain a day-use permit for entry to the park?

A: Day use permits can be reserved at www.recreation.gov. 80% of reservations are available one month in advance on the first day of the month at 7:00am. Example: On July 1, reservations will be available for the dates of August 1-31. Beginning June 13th, 20% of day use reservations will be available two days in advance at 7:00am on a rolling daily window.