

Directions to Villa Yosemite

From the North or West (San Francisco bay area): follow Interstate 580 E to 205, this will put you on 5 N to highway 120 E to Groveland and Yosemite Park. Stay 120 E to put you on 99 N for ½ mile then pick up 120 E again at the Manteca exit. When you reach Oakdale turn left on F street. Follow 120/108 E for approx 25 minutes , then turn left at the Yosemite 120E turn off. Follow the road for 20 minutes to Groveland. Turn left at end of town on Ferretti rd. Travel approx 4.5 miles. Look for yellow sign on right (Watch for Trucks). The next road on the left will be Boitano rd. Go exactly 1.7 miles staying left at all times until you see the Villa Yosemite gates. If you are not towing you can take Old Priest Grade up the hill into Groveland. Or if you are towing keep going on 120 E which is a less severe grade.

If you are due north, in the Sierra foothills, you can take 49 south. This route passes through some lovely historic towns such as Sutter Creek, Jackson at the intersection of 49 and 88 (our preferred route to Lake Tahoe), Angels Camp at Highways 49 & 4, the turnoff to a fun-filled day in Murphy's and Calaveras Big Trees State Park and finally Sonora and Jamestown, a bit before the turnoff to Groveland on Highway 120.

[Mapquest](#) has recently updated their Groveland area database and is now a very good resource for printable maps. Coming from points west, their directions are excellent.

If you are flying: into the Groveland airport, call ahead of time so ART can pick you up from the airport. Art is also a pilot and would love to see your bird and talk airplanes. 510-541-0047

Arriving from the South: From the south the online mapping companies continue to recommend exiting highway 99 at Fresno to 41 to 49—We do not think this is a good plan unless you are test driving a Porsche and want to experience the curves and cliff edges of the foothills for a thrilling ~60 miles. Instead, stay on 99 north to 120 east for a far less heart-wrenching route, or at Merced you can cut north on J59, but have a good map to follow, this shortcut is not well marked once you get off the highway. If it isn't high summer season, consider a drive through Yosemite on 41 via Fresno/Oakhurst. This route isn't much of an extension of time and you can spend your part of the day touring the park.

A note about old and new Priest Grade Roads

The final approach to Groveland involves a ride up Priest Grade. One has two route choices, left (Highway 120—New Priest) or right (Old Priest) up the canyon.

New Priest Grade: This is Highway 120 and is 6 miles and very curvy. In the East bound direction (uphill) the passenger will be sitting on the outside of the hill, overlooking the edge. Busses and trucks use this route. It tends to flow at somewhere between 20 and 30 miles per hour.

Old Priest Grade: This is a narrow country road, not a State Highway and is half the curves of New Priest Grade, a third the distance, very steep at three times the pitch and flows at 20-25 miles per hour or less.

Weight restrictions. We give you this information so that you are making an educated choice. Except for Mapquest, the online mapping services all send you up [Old Priest Grade](#) without a discussion on weight restrictions and pitch which can over heat an older vehicle.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us to clarify any of these directions.

Distances from Groveland to Popular Cities:

(add another 24 miles to Yosemite National Park. Information provided to us from www.MapQuest.com. Links below are to a corresponding itinerary or information we have on that location.

Angels Camp	CA	35
Bakersfield	CA	224
Bishop	CA	154
Columbia State Park	CA	29
Fresno	CA	126
Jamestown	CA	33
Las Vegas	NV	521
Lee Vining	CA	92
Lone Pine	CA	212
Los Angeles	CA	345
Merced	CA	67
Modesto	CA	72
Murphys	CA	43
Napa	CA	140
Oakland	CA	141
Portland	OR	717

Redwood City	CA	154
Reno	NV	195
San Diego	CA	465
San Francisco	CA	152
Seattle	WA	890
Sequoia National Park	CA	207
Sonoma	CA	150
Sonora	CA	37
South Lake Tahoe	CA	163
Yosemite Valley	CA	48

We are also within an hour of some fairly famous little gold rush towns and historic enclaves such as: Coulterville, Snelling, La Grange, Jamestown, Sonora, Columbia, Murphys, Twain Hart, Strawberry and Tuolumne.

Tioga pass, the extension of Highway 120 through Yosemite's high country to Highway 395 is seasonal and generally closed November to June. Road and weather conditions can be heard on the Yosemite road hotline at 209-372-0200 or online at www.nps.gov/yose. While Groveland receives little snow, points east of Groveland and through Yosemite experience an abundance of snow annually. Always carry chains.