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**YARTS begins Summer Service**

**MERCED** – The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) begins its summer schedule this week. Routes during the summer season include service from Mammoth Lakes, Sonora, and Fresno to Yosemite National Park in addition to the year-round service from Merced and Mariposa along Highway 140 as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Corridor</u>	<u>Service dates</u>
Sonora	Highway 120	May 13 – September 30
Fresno	Highway 41	May 15 – September 15
Mammoth Lakes	Highway 395	June 1 – September 30*
Merced/Mariposa	Highway 140	Year-round**

\*Contingent on Tioga Pass being open  
\*\*Includes two additional daily runs from May 13 – September 30

Reservations can be made online at [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com). Ticket prices vary based on route and destination; discounted rates are available on select corridors.

YARTS is a regional public transit service that provides a year-round alternative to driving to Yosemite. YARTS schedules make connections with all intercity transportation providers in Merced: Amtrak, Greyhound and Boutique Air at the Merced Airport, and also connects to transit providers in Mono, Tuolumne and Fresno Counties during summer operations. United Airlines also provides connection through its carriers to Fresno Yosemite International Airport.

For more information about YARTS, ticket prices, or the seasonal schedules, please visit [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com) or call (877) 989-2787.

*YARTS is a California Joint Powers Authority comprised of Merced, Mariposa and Mono Counties in partnership with Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, National Park Service and the United States Forest Service. The Merced County Association of Governments provides staff services and operational support for YARTS.*