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## YARTS Policy Regarding Stopping at Unscheduled Locations

Throughout the year, but particularly during the summer hiking season, we get a lot of questions about having YARTS buses make stops at locations, like trailheads, that are not listed on the established schedule.

The following is intended to clarify YARTS policy about this:

YARTS does not make stops to pick passengers up at unscheduled locations.

YARTS buses can make unscheduled stops to allow riders to exit the bus **if**:

The stop is made on the same side of the road that is the direction of travel.

There is sufficient room for the bus to get entirely off the roadway.

There is sufficient flat ground outside the bus door for passengers and the driver to exit the bus safely and for the retrieval of luggage or backpacks from the bus luggage compartment.

Our drivers are charged with not only the safety of our passengers, but also with the safety of others using the roadway. They alone make the decision about whether a stop can be made safely or not. The driver is the Captain of the Ship, so to speak, and their decision is final.

There is a free shuttle service in the Tuolumne Meadows area that runs to a number of the popular trailheads in that area. YARTS riders are encouraged to use the shuttle to reach locations that YARTS cannot service safely.