

Backpack Trip to Yosemite National Park 2008

Wed July 23	Leave St Francis Xavier School 6:00 AM Phoenix to Flagstaff 136 miles 2 hours Flagstaff to Las Vegas 248 miles 3.5 hours Las Vegas to Yosemite 350 miles 6 hours Night Yosemite Tuolumne Meadows Campground Showers noon to 3:30 PM at Lodge
Thursday July 24	Mariposa Grove (giant Sequoias trees) 76 miles 3 hours Yosemite Valley 22 miles 1 hour Night Yosemite Village Backpackers' Campground Backpackers' campground north of North Pine across footbridge Showers at Curry Village or Houskeeking
Friday July 25	Hike Day 1 – Yosemite Valley to Little Yosemite Valley 5.1 miles 2702 feet up, 577 feet down Parking Backpackers' parking lot - Just east of Curry Village, drive 0.2 miles southeast on the shuttle-bus road to a short spur road branching right to Backpackers' parking lot
Sat July 26	Hike Day 2 - Little Yosemite Valley to Sunrise 9.19 miles 3754 feet up, 551 feet down
Sunday July 27	Hike Day 3 – Sunrise to Tuolumne Meadows 8.32 miles 1166 feet up, 1849 down Backpackers' campground north of Loop A Shack bar and store (bring credit card or money to re-supply food) Showers noon to 3:30 PM at Lodge
Monday July 28	Hike Day 4 –Tuolumne Meadows to Vogelsang 7.21 miles 1599 feet up, 74 down
Tues July 29	Hike Day 5 –Vogelsang to Merced Lake 7.78 miles 439 feet up, 3330 down
Wed July 30	Hike Day 6 –Merced Lake to Moraine Dome 6.21 miles 424 feet up, 1514 down
Thursday July 31	Hike Day 7 –Moraine Dome to Yosemite Valley 6.92 miles 464 feet up, 2679 down All you can eat at Curry Village (\$20) Night Yosemite Village Backpackers' Campground
Friday Aug 1	Travel home to Phoenix Yosemite to Bishop CA 136 miles 3.5 hours Bishop to Phoenix 598 miles 9 hours

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Some Facts

90 F - Average max temperature July Yosemite Valley
54 F – Average min temperature July Yosemite Valley
0.4 inch – Average rain July

Cost

Entrance fee Yosemite National Park \$20 per car
Campground fee \$20 per campsite (max 6 people per campsite)
Bear-Resistant Food Canisters (rent \$5 per person in Yosemite, good for two weeks)
Wilderness Permit \$5 per person

Cost per Person

Entrance fee	\$5
Camping Tuolumne Meadows	\$5
Camping Big Pine	\$5
Wilderness Permit	\$5
Total	\$20 (pay to Jack Kelly by Feb 12, 2008)

Transportation \$45 per person (pay to driver)
Food – travel, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
Food – trail, 7 days (re-supply at Tuolumne Meadows)
Bear-Resistant Food Canisters (buy or rent \$5 at Yosemite)
Tee-Shirt Troop Yosemite \$15 each

Reservations (Jack Kelly to do this)

Tuolumne Meadows Campground
Make reservations March 15, 2008 Sat (7:00 AM PST) www.recreation.gov

Wilderness Permit \$5 per person - Feb 13, 2008 Wed
Tel 209/372-0740 (8:30 am to 4:30 am)

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Bear-Resistant Food Canisters: (buy or rent)

Approved

* Backpacker Model 812-C

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* BearVault 110b, 200, BV250, BV300

Visit www.bearvault.com for product details and contact information or call Tel / Fax 866-301-3442

* June 3, 2006 -- The Bear Vault containers listed above (110b, 200, 250, and 300) are not allowed in the Rae Lakes area of Kings Canyon National Park until further notice. (The BV350 and 400 are allowed.) Check out the Rae Lakes Canister Swap Program, for info on how you can swap out your old Bear Vault for a newer model. One or more bears have figured out how to open the BearVault in this area- and have opened at least eight canisters. It may be only the earlier version that is the problem - the SIBBG and the manufacturer are looking into the problem. In the meantime, we are asking hikers to either use a different type of canister or use a locker.

* BearVault BV350, BV400

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* Bearikade Weekender MKII (1766 and higher) and Expedition MKII (1766 and higher)

Please contact the company for information on retrofitting canisters.

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