

Backpack Trip on John Muir Trail (JMT) 2016

Rev July 6, 2016

Tuesday July 19	Leave St Francis Xavier School 5:00 AM Travel Class A uniform		
	Phoenix to Blythe (I10)	146 miles	2.2 hours
	Blythe to San Bernardino (I10)	199 miles	3.1 hours
	Lunch Costco San Bernardino		
	San Bernardino to Lone Pine (I395)	163 miles	3.1 hours
	Total	508 miles	8.4 hours
	Permits Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center, Lone Pine CA		
	Also rent bear canisters, junction I395 and I36		
	Lone Pine to Bishop	48 miles	1 hour
	Move one car to Mammoth Mountain Inn Adventure Center (Main Lodge)		
	Bishop to Mammoth Mountain Inn	49 miles	1 hour
	Dinner in Bishop		
	Night at Four Jeffrey Campground		
Wed July 20	Hike Day 1 South Lake TH to Bishop Pass then Dusty Basin Park past boat ramp or roadside near Parcher's Resort 8.0 miles, 2432 Ascent, 1405 Descent		
Thursday July 21	Hike Day 2 – Dusty Basin to Middle Fork Kings River 9.2 miles, 2406 Ascent, 2281 Descent		
Friday July 22	Hike Day 3 – Middle Fork Kings River to Evolution Creek 10.2 miles, 1470 Ascent, 2435 Descent		
Sat July 23	Hike Day 4 Evolution Creek to Piute Creek 9.8 miles, 372 Ascent, 2349 Descent		
Sunday July 24	Hike Day 5 Piute Creek to Marie Lake 10.0 miles, 3298 Ascent, 927 Descent		
Monday July 25	Hike Day 6 Marie Lake to Quail Meadows 11.4 miles, 1191 Ascent, 3912 Descent		
Tuesday July 26	Hike Day 7 Quail Meadows to Vermillion Valley Resort (VVR), Ferry Pickup Ferry Pickup (8:00 AM) 1.4 miles, 123 Ascent, 308 Descent plus Ferry 5.0 miles Pick up UPS sent food packages Showers Dinner at VVR (salad, steak or chicken, fish)		
Wed July 27	Hike Day 8 VVR, Ferry Drop off to Silver Pass Lake (south end of lake) 6.7 miles, 2947 Ascent, 187 Descent plus Ferry 5.0 miles		
Thursday July 28	Hike Day 9 Silver Pass Lake to Purple Lake (west side of lake) 9.1 miles, 2267 Ascent, 2759 Descent		
Friday July 29	Hike Day 10 Purple Lake to Deer Creek (east side of trail) 7.6 miles, 948 Ascent, 1783 Descent		

Sat July 30 **Hike Day 11** Deer Creek to Red's Meadow
6.0 miles, 242 Ascent, 1641 Descent
Lunch Red's Meadow
Showers at Mammoth Mountain RV Park
Dinner in Mammoth Lakes
Night Mammoth Mountain RV Park, 2667 Main St, 93546, 760-934-3822

Sunday July 31 Travel home to Phoenix Travel Class A uniform

Backpack Trip JMT 2016

Rev July 6, 2016

Cost per Person (1st Payment)

Four Jeffrey Campground, 1 night	\$5
Wilderness Permit	\$5
Mammoth Mountain RV Park, 1 night	\$10
Total	\$20 (pay to Jack Kelly by Jan 12, 2016)

Cost per Person (2rd Payment)

Tee-Shirt Troop JMT 2016 (per shirt)	\$26.00
Package Pickup fee at Vermilion Valley Resort	\$25.00
Shower at VVR (soap and towel included)	\$6.00
Dinner Vermilion Valley Resort	\$23.50
Ferry to Vermilion Valley Resort (round trip)	\$21.00
Lunch Red's Meadow	\$15.00
Shuttle Devils Postpile (cash only)	\$7.00
Gas for backpacking cooking stoves	\$6.50
Total	\$130.00
	(pay to Jack Kelly by May 10, 2016)

Bear-Resistant Food Canisters rent 11 days x \$2.50 \$27.50
Pay this to Interagency Visitor Center if you rent a bear canister

Other Costs

Transportation cost per person (Bill Fessler)
(((604 miles x 2) / 15 MPG) x \$2.50 gas per gallon) / 3 persons per car = \$70.00

Money for Meals – travel, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners (bring this money with you)

Food on trail, 9.7 days total, carry at start 6.5 days (Hike Day 7 dinner off trail at VVR)
then re-supply 3.2 days of food by UPS to VVR
(Hike Day 11 lunch off trail, dinner off trail)

Reservations (Jack Kelly to do this)

Four Jeffrey Campground make reservations
Wilderness Permits
Vermilion Valley Resort 559-259-4000 Ferry Reservations
Mammoth Mountain RV Park reservations 760-934-3822

Backpack Trip JMT 2016

Bear-Resistant Food Canisters: (buy or rent \$2.50 per day)

Each person will carry one – all smellable in here

Last updated May 1, 2015

Allowed Canisters

Backpacker Model 812 (Garcia) This is the one for rent (see below for size)

www.backpackerscache.com

BearVault 110b, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450, and 500

www.bearvault.com

Bearikade Weekender

(1766 and higher) and Expedition MKII (1766 and higher)

www.wild-ideas.net

The Bear Keg (Counter Assault)

www.counterassault.com

The Bare Boxer Contender (101) and Champ (202)

www.bareboxer.com

Lighter1 Big Daddy and Lil' Sami

www.lighter1.com

UDAP No-Fed-Bear

www.udap.com

How to Use a Bear Canister

The most important part of using a bear canister is what goes inside it. Make sure all food, all trash, all toiletries, and all other scented items are inside the bear canister. This includes but is not limited to all sealed or packaged food, sunscreen, soap, mosquito repellent, lip balm, deodorant, medications, and feminine products. As a general rule, if you put it in your mouth or on your skin, it should probably be stored in a bear canister.

The bear canister only works if it's closed and locked! Be sure to keep it closed and locked, even while you're around your campsite. Place the canister on the ground in a flat, level area 100 feet or more from your campsite. Take care not to place it near a cliff or any water source, as a bear may knock the canister around or roll it down a hill. Do not hang or attach anything to the canister (ropes attached to the canister enable a bear to carry it away). You can place pots and pans on top of the canister as a bear alarm if you like.

Garcia Backpackers' Cache canisters are 12 inches (30 cm) tall, 8.8 inches (22.4 cm) in diameter, have a volume of 615 cubic inches (10 L), and weigh 2 pounds, 11 ounces (1.2 kg). This is the one that you can rent at Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center.

No food or drinks in the parked cars at the trailhead. No coolers or smellables in the parked cars.

Vermillion Valley Resort Food Resupply Ship 3.2 days of Food

Packaging Rules

1. Packages are limited to 25 pounds each
2. Your name and Estimated Arrival Date must be clearly visible on 4 sides of your package.

Please send your package via United Parcel Service (UPS), which is the preferred method for sending your resupply.

UPS (United Parcel Service) Address, do not use U.S. Mail

Vermilion Valley Resort
c/o Rancheria Garage
62311 Huntington Lake Road
Lakeshore, Ca. 93634

Notes:

1. This address IS correct; however, the UPS system will say that it is not. Please have the UPS clerk *override* the system with this address. It WILL get delivered at this address.
2. Any mail sent via the US Postal Service to Rancheria Garage will be promptly returned! We are serious when we say **United Parcel Service (UPS) ONLY!**

Resupply Handling Fees

There is a \$25.00 fee for pickup and storage of each package, collected at the end of your visit.

There is a \$10.00 charge PLUS postage per item to mail packages of excess items home from VVR.

Your unclaimed package can be returned to you for \$35 plus any postage. Simply call us with a credit card number, or send a check to cover the fees.

Timing your Resupply Package

VVR at Edison Lake is approximately two hours from the nearest U.S. Post Office or the U.P.S. drop point. Because of this we only pickup packages once or twice a week. Keep this in mind when planning your package arrival date.

Please be sure that you send your package to arrive 14 days before YOU arrive!

Please put your name and expected arrival date on all sides of the box - it helps us store your box properly, and then identify it quickly once you arrive!

Hiker Barrel Rules:

We place two 55 gallon drums outside the store for hikers to place or donate their excess food and supplies. We have a separate Rubbermaid container located next to the barrels for fuels and non-food items. We ask that the hikers police themselves and others by keeping these barrels free of spoiled or inedible foods etc. NOTE: Food placed in these barrels are for thru-hikers use only, not for the general public and contents in these barrels "are never taken and placed in the store for resale