

8 Steps to Planning The Perfect Yosemite Trip

Yosemite has a lot more to do with what you bring with you rather than what you find here. The main thing to bring is an open attitude, a free spirit and a willingness to relax and enjoy.

1 Decide what time of the year you will go.

SUMMER

Things to do: **Biking, Hiking**
 Things to see: **Hike Trails, Mountains**
 Weather: **Warm**
 Crowds: **High**

SPRING

Things to do: **Hiking**
 Things to see: **Waterfalls**
 Weather: **Mixed**
 Crowds: **Low**

WINTER

Things to do: **Skiing**
 Things to see: **Snow**
 Weather: **Cold Snowy**
 Crowds: **Medium**

FALL

Things to do: **Sightseeing**
 Things to see: **Redwoods, Plant life, wild life**
 Weather: **Warm days, chilly nights**
 Crowds: **Low/Medium**

2 Plan how you will get there & get around.

DRIVING FROM...

San Francisco

4 hour drive

Los Angeles

6 hour drive

Seattle

14 hour drive / 2 hour flight

New York

43 hour drive / 6 hour flight

FEES & PASSES

\$20

A Vehicle Pass is \$20 and works for 7 days

\$10

Individual Pass, for people on foot, bus, bicycle, or horse, is \$10

No car rentals

\$40

The Yosemite Pass is \$40 and lasts for one year

Shuttle with 21 stops

3 Reserve a Cabin or Condominium

PRIVATE CABIN / LODGE

- Accommodates 2-8 people
- TV & Internet
- Private deck with bbq and jacuzzi
- Kitchen, Livingroom, Dining room & more

CONDOMINIUM

- Accommodates 2-4 people
- TV & Internet
- Kitchenette

4 Explore the educational and recreational resources.

VISITOR CENTER

Information about Yosemite and watch Spirit of Yosemite, a film about the park.

MUSEUM

Indian Cultural Exhibit about the Miwok and Paiute Indians.

CURRY VILLAGE

Visit the Ice skating rink.

ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY
 America's most beloved nature artists & photographers.

NATURE CENTER
 Natural history exhibits and a bookstore. It is also the beginning of the trail to Vernal Falls.

5 Visit some popular viewpoints.

TUNNEL VIEW

El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, and Half Dome.

GLACIER POINT

Half Dome and a few waterfalls.

6 Take a hike.

Helpful Tips: Bicycles and pets are only allowed on bike paths and regular roads. Carry plenty of water and always stay on the trails. Try to plan your hiking trips early or late in the day, as there will be fewer people and more wildlife at those times.

BRIDALVEIL FALL - This is a 0.5 mi; pets are allowed

LOWER YOSEMITE FALL - This is a 1 mi. Pets are allowed on this trail

COOK'S MEADOW LOOP - This loop is 1 mi. No pets allowed

MIRROR LAKE - This trail is 2 mi. pets are not allowed. There can be lots of wildlife here

FOUR MILE TRAIL - This is a harder trail; it is 9.6 mi.

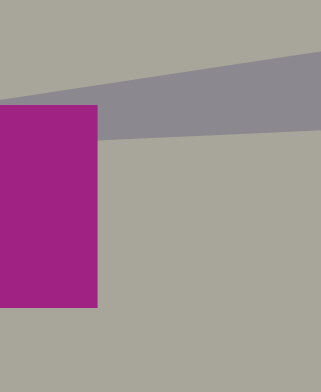
HALF DOME - This trail can be up to 16.3 mi.

PANORAMA TRAIL - This 8.5 mi.

7 Explore recreational activities.



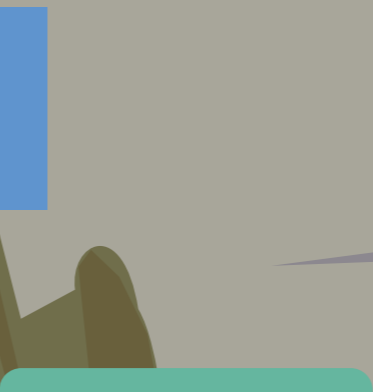
Backpacking



Rock Climbing



Fishing



Horseback Riding

8 Explore other parts of Yosemite outside the Valley.

Wawona Golf Course

Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias

Badger Pass

Glacier Point

BassLake