

2014B RV Trip – Yosemite and the Eastern Sierras
August 12 through September 6

Tuesday, August 12 – Fly to San Francisco (56 miles; 1 ½ hours)

Fly to San Francisco
Sonoma County Shuttle and Petaluma Taxi to campground
Food Shop
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Wednesday, August 13 – Petaluma / San Francisco (80 miles; 1.5 hours)

Maintenance and prep for trip
Have new tires put on and brakes redone
Drive down to San Francisco to have dinner at Andrew and Celeste's new apartment
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Thursday, August 14 – Petaluma to Yosemite Valley (230 miles; 5.5 hours)

Drive to Yosemite Valley
Much RV problems along way – alignment in Stockton, calipers stick in Oakdale
Arrive after 10:00 pm exhausted
Camp in North Pines

Friday, August 15 - Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 hours)

Bike ride around Valley checking out various climbing areas: Church Bowl, Swan Slab, Mecca, etc.
Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste arrive after midnight
Camp in North Pines

Saturday, August 16 - Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb at Swan Slab
Float in tubes on Merced River from Cathedral Beach – gaze at El Cap
Camp in North Pines

Sunday, August 17 – Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb at Church Bowl (behind Ahwahnee)
Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste go back there to boulder
Ahwahnee Meadow
Bergs arrive
Andrew makes Penne Vodka for dinner
Camp in North Pines

Monday, August 18 – Yosemite Valley (60 miles; 2 hours)

Drive to Sentinel Dome Trailhead on Glacier Point Road
Hike 9.3 miles loop – Taft Point and the Fissures, Sentinel Dome, Glacier Point
Rather than go back to car, Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste hike 4-Mile Trail down to Valley Floor
Dinner at campsite – Paul's pasta and pork sausage

Camp in North Pines

Tuesday, August 19 – Yosemite Valley (20 miles; 45 minutes)

Drive to Tunnel View Parking Area – trailhead for Inspiration Point
Hike 2.6 mile out and back to Inspiration Point
Float in tubes on Merced River from Cathedral Beach – gaze at El Cap
Dinner at the Ahwahnee Bar – outside patio
Camp in North Pines

Wednesday, August 20 – Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 minutes)

Paul makes great breakfast – fresh eggs and sausage
Hike 9.9 miles (RT) on the Mist and John Muir Trails to Vernal and Nevada Falls
Bergs and Celeste leave to go back to San Francisco
Attend Yosemite Theater Live – Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir
(\$8 per person)
Camp in North Pines

Thursday, August 21 – Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 minutes)

Rock climb at Manure Buttress Pile
Dinner at campsite – pork chops
Hang out in the Ahwahnee living room
Camp in North Pines

Friday, August 22 – Yosemite Valley (85 miles; 3 hours)

Drive to Porcupine Creek Trailhead
Hike 9 miles RT to North Dome
Andrew and Herb hike down to Valley via Tenaya Canyon (total 15.6 miles)
Tommy and Lorry drive car back to Valley
Dinner at campsite – Annie’s Mac and Cheese and Tuna
Camp in North Pines

Saturday, August 23 – Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rock climb at Glacier Point Basin – multi-pitch climb
Attend Yosemite Theater Live – Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey with Ron Kauk
(\$8 per person)
Dinner – Pizza at the Loft
Camp in North Pines

Sunday, August 24 – Yosemite Valley to Crane Flat (18 miles; ½ hour)

Brunch at the Ahwahnee Dining Room
Boys leave to go back to San Francisco/Seattle
Herb and I drive to Crane Flat Campground
Camp in Crane Flat

Monday, August 25 – Crane Flat to Tuolumne Meadows (40 miles; 1 hour)

Leave early in morning to secure a first-come-first-serve campsite at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Hike 6.3-mile, strenuous May Lake – Mount Hoffman trail
Camp at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Tuesday, August 26 – Tuolumne to Mammoth Lakes (47 miles; 1 hour)

Drive out through Tioga Pass and down to Mammoth Lakes
Relax at campground
Camp at Mammoth Mountain RV Park

Wednesday, August 27 – Devils Postpile, Bishop, and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest (193 miles; 5 hours)

Drive to Mammoth Mountain Adventure Center
Take shuttle to Devils Postpile National Monument
Hike-4 mile loop to Devils Postpile and Rainbow Falls
Drive to Bishop
Lunch at Erick Schat's Bakery – buy Apple Pullaway for later
Drive to Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest
Hike 4.5-mile Methuselah Trail through ancient bristlecone pine forest
Camp at Mammoth Mountain RV Park

Thursday, August 28 – Mammoth Mountain (20 miles; 40 minutes)

Mountain Bike at Mammoth Mountain Bike Park
Bike 3 times down the 10-mile steep switchback trails (Off the Top, Beach Cruiser, and Mountain View) from the summit to the Panorama Gondola
Drive to and take the short hike to Inyo Craters, just off the Mammoth Scenic Loop
Camp at Mammoth Mountain RV Park

Friday, August 29 – Mono Lake and Willow Springs (51 miles; 1.5 hours)

Launch kayaks at Navy Beach on Mono Lake
Kayak 6.6 miles past tufas and out to Paoha Island
Drive north on US 395 to town of Bridgeport
Camp at Willow Springs RV Park

Saturday, August 30 – Bodie State Historic Site and Travertine Hot Springs (40 miles; 1.25 hours)

Visit Bodie State Historic Site
Soak in the natural Travertine Hot Springs
Camp at Willow Springs RV Park

Sunday, August 31 – South Lake Tahoe (100 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive to South Lake Tahoe – scary road / brake problems
Stupidly drive to Emerald Bay through firework traffic
Camp at South Lake Tahoe KOA

Monday, September 1 – South Lake Tahoe (30 miles; 1 hour)

Park in the Vikingsholm Mansion parking lot and hike 1 mile down to the mansion
Tour Vikingsholm Mansion on Emerald Bay
Hike 12 miles (out and back) on Rubicon Trail along the western shores of Lake Tahoe to
Rubicon Point and Calawee Cove Beach
Swim in Calawee Cove
Camp at South Lake Tahoe KOA

Tuesday, September 2 – South Lake Tahoe / Secret Cove (55 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive along eastern shore of Tahoe to Secret Cove Beach
Beach, swim, and float in tubes
Dinner at MacDuff's Pub in South Lake Tahoe
Camp at South Lake Tahoe KOA

Wednesday, September 3 – Petaluma KOA (185 miles; 4 hours)

Drive back to Petaluma KOA
Hang out in campground
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Thursday, September 4 – Petaluma KOA (0 miles; 0 hours)

Have more maintenance done on RV brakes
Walk around historic Petaluma
Hang out at campground pool
Pack and prep motorhome for storage
Camp at Petaluma KOA

Friday, September 5 – Petaluma KOA, Oakland, and San Francisco (133 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive down to Oakland to see Andrew's office and have lunch
Bring Andrew's car back to Petaluma KOA to use later
Put motorhome and Subaru in storage
Drive Andrew's car down to San Francisco
Rock climb at Planet Granite
Dinner at Off the Grid
Sleep over in Andrew and Celeste's new apartment

Saturday, September 6 – Fly Home (16 miles; ½ hour)

Have breakfast in Andrew's apartment
Help him with some repairs and maintenance
Andrew drives us to airport
We fly home to Newark International Airport

Total Trip Mileage: 1461 miles
Average Miles per Day: 56 miles per day