

2016A – Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Mono Lake, and South Lake Tahoe

Thursday, July 14– Drive to Yosemite (245 miles; 5 hours)

Drive to Yosemite via El Portal Road
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Friday, July 15 – Yosemite Valley (0 miles; 0 hours)

Bike 13 miles along the Valley Floor Loop stopping at:
Ahwanhee Hotel
Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village
Sandy Beach on north side of river near El Cap
Walk to the river from the campsite to have cocktail hour
Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste arrive at night
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Saturday, July 16 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike to try to find Sentinel Creek Climbing area
Boulder on Presidential Boulder
Hang out and tube from Sentinel Beach
Boulder along Four Mile Trail
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Sunday, July 17 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Brunch at the Ahwahnee
Rock climb on Chapel Wall behind the Yosemite Chapel
Hang out on beach near Sentinel Breach until traffic cleared
Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste drive back to San Francisco
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Monday, July 18 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Run 7.5 miles on Valley Floor Loop
Tube 3.8 miles from bridge near campground to Swinging Bridge
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Tuesday, July 19 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 15.5 miles – Four Mile Trail + Panorama Trail + Mist Trail
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Wednesday, July 20 – Yosemite (0 miles; 0 hours)

Run 5 miles to Mirror Lake and around Happy Isle Loop
Read and relax on sandy beach behind the Ahwahnee
Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Thursday, July 21 – Tuolumne Meadows (57 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive to Tuolumne Meadows Campground
Hike 3.1 miles through the meadow past Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs

Camp in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Friday, July 22 – Tuolumne Meadows (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hang out in campground until Andrew, Tommy, Celeste, and Bergs arrive
Take them on walk through Tuolumne Meadows
Camp in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Saturday, July 23 – Tuolumne Meadows (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 8.5 miles (RT) to Sunrise Lakes
Swim and build cairns in Tenaya Lake
Boulder at Tenaya East Boulders
Have Tommy's official birthday "flank steak" feast at campsite
Camp in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Sunday, July 24 – Tuolumne Meadows (0 miles; 0 hours)

Hike 7.6 miles to Dog Lake and Lembert Dome Summit
Rock climb the Direct Northwest Face of Lembert Dome (Andrew, Tommy, and Celeste)
Kids leave for San Francisco
Stroll in Tuolumne Meadows again
Camp in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Monday, July 25 – Mono Lake Area and Bridgeport (70 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive ½ hour out eastern entrance of park to Lee Vining
Drive to Bridgeport and soak in Travertine Hot Spring
Camp at Mono Vista RV Park

Tuesday, July 26 – Mono Lake Area and Bridgeport (52 miles; 1.25 hours)

Kayak 12.7 miles from Navy Beach to a remote tufa area on Mono Lake
Camp at Mono Vista RV Park

Wednesday, July 27 – Mono Lake Area and Bridgeport (52 miles; 1.25 hours)

Drive up to Bridgeport to get Tommy's Wilderness Pass
Soak in Travertine Hot Springs again
Tommy meets us in Lee Vining before his backcountry climbing trip
Dinner with Tommy and his friend John at Whoa Nellie's Deli in Lee Vining
Camp at Mono Vista RV Park

Thursday, July 28 – South Lake Tahoe (120 miles; 3 hours)

Drive 3 hours to Camp Richardson in South Lake Tahoe
Go for a run in Tallac Historic Site
Hang out on beach to watch sunset
Camp at Camp Richardson

Friday, July 29 – South Lake Tahoe (50 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive along eastern shore of Tahoe to Secret Cove Beach
Relax and float in tubes at Secret Cove

Camp at Camp Richardson

Saturday, July 30 – Drive Home (185 miles; 4 hours)

Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 831 miles
Average Miles per Day: 49 miles per day