



YOSEMITE BACKPACKING LITTLE YOSEMITE VALLEY TRIP ITINERARY



Yosemite Valley is just one small aspect of this magnificent National Park. For those of you that like to throw on the ole' backpack and get away from civilization, this is your chance to do it and see some beautiful backcountry at the same time. Your final destination will be Little Yosemite Valley.

We'll spend our first night camping in Yosemite Valley and begin our incredible journey in the morning. Our goal is to reach the Yosemite Valley via the Happy Isles Trailhead, winding our way through the falls and trails that make the Valley famous. A gap day leaves us options for a layover day and side hikes to many beautiful spots along the way including Cloud's Rest. Having an enjoyable time is closely related to how well you are equipped. Remember, the main goal is to have a good time.

In order for your experience to be a pleasurable one, we ask that you thoroughly read the information in the handouts provided, including the **Itinerary**, the **General Trip Expectations** and follow the recommendations on the **Packing list**. You must supply your own lunches, money for road meals, and personal equipment. (Camping gear rentals are available <http://recreation.sa.ucsb.edu/adventure-programs/outdoor-gear-rentals>) This trip requires that you be in good physical condition. Aside from carrying your own personal equipment, each person will be responsible for carrying some group food and group equipment.

Please feel free to contact the Adventure Center at (805) 893-3737 during business hours if you need any additional information and/or our leaders have not contacted you seven days before departure date.

Minimum Experience Level: Good physical condition. Hearty Beginner or Experienced Backpacker.

***Sample Itinerary:**

Day 1- Drive from UCSB to Yosemite Valley National Park and camp in the main valley at ~ 4,000ft.

Day 2- Pack up your backpacks and hike about 5 miles up to Little Yosemite Valley elev. ~6,100 ft.

Day 3- Day hike to the top of Cloud's Rest. Camp at Little Yosemite Valley.

Day 4- Hike down to the valley floor. Pack up the van and drive back to UCSB.

*All itineraries are tentative due to unforeseen weather and park conditions.

Departure Location: Near the main entrance of the Recreation Center.

Departure Time: Meet at 3 pm so we can load your personal equipment and leave by 4 pm. As a courtesy to the group, please be prompt. If you are not there on time we will leave without you. No refunds for no-shows.

Approximate Drive Time: 6 hours

Approximate Return Time: 9 P.M. on Sunday if the group leaves the valley by 2:00 P.M.

Unique Trip Considerations | Bears: Yosemite Valley is a famous haven and popular for bears. Please obey all national park notices and directions regarding bears at all times!!! They are amazing wild animals and often coexist with park visitors but they are not pets. Let's do our part to protect these majestic creatures. Thank you!

No Drugs or Alcohol: University regulations and program policies do not allow alcohol or drugs on this trip. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refund Policy: Once an offering is **full**, you will be offered a refund (less **\$20 service charge**) **only** if someone **pays** for your spot. If the offering is **NOT** full:

- **30 or more days** before the course date- Full refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **29 to 8 days** before the course date- 50% refund less \$20 processing fee.
- **Less than 8 days** before the course date- no refunds available.