

2017D – Yosemite, Crater Lake, and Totality
August 8 - 23

Tuesday, August 8 – Drive to Tuolumne Meadows Campground (236 miles; 5.5 hours)

Drive to Tuolumne Meadows
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Wednesday, August 9 – Tuolumne

Hike 6-mile (RT) hike along Murphy Creek to Polly Dome Lakes
Relax on beach on Tenaya Lake
Walk to stream in the Meadow and have wine
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Thursday, August 10, - Mono Lake (61 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive 31 miles to the kayak launch at Navy Beach
Paddle 3.9 miles (each way) to Paoha Island – calm conditions
Relax on island for a few hours
Paddle 3.9 miles back in 15 mph winds and 2-foot waves
Drive back to Tuolumne Meadows
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Friday, August 11 – Tuolumne

Hand out on Tenaya Lake waiting for Erin's parent arrival
Herb and Richard kayak 2.3 miles around the perimeter of Tenaya Lake
Hike 2.1 miles in Tuolumne Meadows in the evening
Fly fish in Tuolumne River – no success
Kids arrive late
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Saturday, August 12 – Tuolumne

Rock climb at Murphy's Creek
Hang out at Tenaya Lake
Andrew and Celeste climb some more at Olmsted Point
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Sunday, August 13 – Tuolumne

Rock climb at Olmsted Canyon
Farewell to the gang as they have to leave and get back to work
Herb and I take evening walk in Meadow
Stay at Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Monday, August 14 – Bordertown, Nevada (175 miles; 4 hours)

Drive to Bordertown Casino and RV Resort
Dine (kind of) at Kafana, the casino restaurant
Stay at Bordertown RV Resort

Tuesday, August 15 - Crater Lake National Park (291 miles; 6 hours)

Drive to Mazama Campground in Crater Lake NP
Walk around campground scouting out better sites to move to
Stay at Mazama Campground

Wednesday, August 16 – Crater Lake National Park

Hike 1.7-mile Annie Creek Trail
Drive to Rim Village
Hike 3.8-mile (RT) to Garfield Peak for wonderful views of lake
Stay at Mazama Campground

Thursday, August 17 – Solartown (183 miles; 4 hours)

Drive to Madras, Oregon
Wait in line for 5 hours to get into Solartown Campground
Wander around talking to people
Stay at Solartown

Friday, August 18 – Smith Rock State Park and Bend (100 miles; 2 hours)

Drive a half hour to Smith Rock State Park
Hike 4.5 miles along River Trail and up Misery Ridge
Drive another 27 miles south on Highway 97 to Bend
Enjoy a free beer tasting at the Deschutes Brewery
Drive back to Solartown
Stay at Solartown

Saturday, August 19 – Solarfest and Solartown

Explore the Solarfest festival – listen to a NASA talk, lunch, and beer garden
Go back to Solartown
More friends arrive from Portland
Stay at Solartown

Sunday, August 20 – Solartown

Walk to the Madras Airfield across the highway to look at all the private planes camping
Tour the Erickson Aircraft Collection museum
Attend an eclipse talk given by a camper at Solartown
Stay at Solartown

Monday, August 21 – Solartown

Totality !!!
Anita and Robers head back to Portland that evening
Hilda and Paul leave in middle of night
Stay at Solartown

Tuesday, August 22 – Klamath Falls KOA (184 miles; 4 hours)

Final walk around Solartown
Drive to Klamath Falls

Clean up and dump motorhome
Stay at Klamath Falls KOA

Wednesday, August 23 – Home (353 miles; 7 hours)
Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 1,583 miles
Average Miles per Day: 99 miles per day