

2019 – August in Yosemite

**Wednesday, August 14 – Drive to Yosemite Valley (245 miles; 5 hours)**

- Drive to Yosemite Valley
- Have cocktail hour down by the Merced River
- Herb preps for next day hike to Half Dome “Diving Board”
- Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Thursday, August 15 – Yosemite Valley**

- Herb hikes 10.5 miles to Half Dome “Diving Board” to photograph Half Dome and camp overnight
- Lolo runs 13 miles along the Valley Floor Loop
- Lolo attends the Yosemite Theater Live performance of “John Muir’s Wild Mountain Adventures” starring Lee Stetson
- Lolo camps in Upper Pines Campground while Herb camps up by Diving Board

**Friday, August 16 – Yosemite Valley**

- Lolo takes bike out several times and drives Happy Isle Loop to try to meet up with Herb
- Lolo hikes 4.5 miles (RT) to the top of Vernal Falls trying to meet up with Herb
- Lolo returns to campground and Herb eventually shows up from his long hike in mid-afternoon
- Later that evening, bike ride to Ahwahnee Hotel to sip wine on the outdoor patio and gaze at Half Dome
- Bike ride back to campground in the dark – miss turn and do whole Happy Isle Loop
- Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Saturday, August 17 – Yosemite Valley**

- Andrew, Celeste, Tommy, and Erin arrive
- We all raft down the Merced River from the campground to Sentinel Beach
- Dinner at the campground
- Walk to Ahwahnee Hotel for wine and cheese on patio
- Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Sunday, August 18 – Yosemite Valley**

- Andrew and Celeste leave for home
- The four of us bike ride to the Ahwahnee to have Sunday brunch
- After brunch, we all ride 6.5 miles along the Valley Floor Loop
- Tommy and Erin leave for home
- Later that evening, Herb and I bike ride to the Ahwahnee Meadow to watch the colors change on Half Dome
- Camp in Upper Pines Campground

**Monday, August 19 – Yosemite Valley**

- Drive up towards Evergreen Lodge to see Tommy and Erin’s possible wedding venue
- Hike the 3-mile Tuolumne Grove Trail to a grove of Giant Sequoias

- Take a tour of Evergreen Lodge and have lunch there – great place for a wedding!
- Stop at Cathedral Beach in the Valley on the way back
- Camp in Upper Pines Campground

Tuesday, August 20 – Drive home (245 miles; 5 hours)

- Drive home

Total Trip Mileage:           490 miles  
Average Miles per Day:       70 miles per day