

2018D – Memorial Day in the Eastern Sierra

Wednesday, May 23 – Drive to Red Rock Canyon State Park, CA (407 miles; 7.5 hours)

Drive to Red Rock Canyon State Park
Take evening stroll around the campground
Stay at Red Rock Canyon State Park Campground

Thursday, May 24 – Bishop (155 miles; 3 hours)

Before leaving Red Rock Canyon
Hike 2.5 mile Red Cliffs trail
4WD on dirt roads in the park
Hike 1 mile Hagan Canyon trail
Drive 3 hours to Browns Millpond Campground in Bishop
Go for a run
Camp at Browns Millpond Campground

Friday, May 25 – Bishop

Drive a half hour to Tom's Place and the trailhead for the Ruby Lake hike
Hike 5-mile trail (RT) to Ruby Lake (postholing through snow at times)
Drive over to Pleasant Valley to check out future camping opportunities
Tommy and Erin arrive
Camp at Browns Millpond Campground

Saturday, May 26 – Bishop

Go with Tommy and Erin to check out Cardinal Pinnacle (a crag they wanted to climb the next day)
Watch the Mule Day Parade in Bishop
Andrew and Celeste arrive
Have Memorial Day BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs at campsite
Boulder in the Buttermilks
Have dinner at Mountain Rambler Brewery
Camp at Browns Millpond Campground

Sunday, May 27 – Bishop

Tommy and Erin climb Cardinal Pinnacle
The rest of us drive 1 hour to Alabama Hills in Lone Pine
Climb in the Alabama Hills
Meet up with Tommy and Erin in Bishop
Boulder in the Buttermilks
Have dinner at Mountain Rambler Brewery
Camp at Browns Millpond Campground

Monday, May 28 – Mono Lake (60 miles; 1.25 hours)

Kids return to San Francisco
Herb and I move on to Mono Lake
Hike 6 miles (RT) along southern shore looking for sand tufas

Hike 2 mile Panum Crater trail
Camp at Mono Vista RV Park

Tuesday, May 29 – Bridgeport (27 miles; 0.5 hours)

Drive to Bridgeport and check into Bridgeport Reservoir Marina and Campground
Hike 6 miles (RT) on Buckeye Creek Trail
Soak in Buckeye Hot Springs
Walk around Travertine Hot Springs – our pool too cool
Camp at Bridgeport Reservoir Marina and Campground

Wednesday, May 30 – South Lake Tahoe (104 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive to South Lake Tahoe and check into the Campground by the Lake
Hike 2 mile (RT) hike to Upper Eagle Falls and Eagle Lake
Hike to Mayhem Cove, a climbing crag the boys wanted us to check out
Have wine and cheese

Thursday, May 31 - Home (187 miles; 4 hours)

Drive Home

Total Trip Mileage: 940 miles
Average Miles per Day: 104 miles per day